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Comments: The mountain coaster will be a devastating addition to an already overburdened mountain. Our Sandia Mountain is a comparatively small mountain that already endures heavy car traffic, especially on weekends and holidays, and a noticeable human impact in the more publicly dense areas, such as the north peak. Increased human presence on that mountain in the summer months will decrease habitat area for wildlife, destroy trees (that are limited in number there anyway), and increase the number of environmentally careless people on the mountain, including tourists. We are lucky that our mountain and its forest are not subject to the same degree of trashing that other forested areas around the country endure, but it could easily become that. Just yesterday I was hiking the 10k/south crest loop, which took me near the tram and the top of the ski slopes. The impact of many humans packed into one place was obvious: destroyed vegetation, erosion, and increased noise. I can't even imagine the amount of litter that will come with a summer coaster: plastic bottles, wrappers, gum, food waste, etc. I'm trying my best to be controlled in this comment, but in my heart the thought of a coaster on that mountain devastates me. The impact of the building of it I'm sure will be a hideous and destructive endeavor. No environmental impact? Not enough to warrant an investigation? That just shows were America's values are: in profit, not in preservation of the limited land we have left or in the animals that live there. The mountain coaster is a terrible idea and will be an eyesore on the mountain and a disgrace to the natural world. It's just one more effort to destroy land in the name of profit. You want to give people a "passive experience" of the mountain? They can drive up and down the road or take the tram. It seems like this is all for money, with nature taking the brunt of the cost.