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Comments: I am astonished that this project is even being considered as viable. Roller coasters belong in an amusement park or carnival, NOT in the national forest. The thought of screaming coaster riders along with the noise produced by the machinery itself does not make for a peaceful experience for hikers on nearby trails. The reason why I visit the Sandia Mountains is to have time away from the hustle and bustle of Albuquerque, enjoying wild flowers and the tranquility of spending time in nature. Aside from this proposed "attraction" resulting in just the opposite, there are several problems with the coaster proposal:

The proposal states that there will be a minimal increase in tram ridership (10-15%), yet they estimate that in the first year ridership of the coaster will equal a maximum of 100,000. The average annual ridership of the tram is stated as 250,000. An increase of 100,000 coaster riders who will access the ride via the tram is NOT 10-15% as anyone who can do the math would know, but rather a 40% increase in tram ridership.

Secondly, the proposal assumes that people will access the coaster primarily on the tram, but they cannot know that to be true, so the threat of increased traffic, if not traffic jams on the Crest road would impair access for those who simply want to hike or have a picnic

Third, what increased enjoyment of the environment are those who ride the coaster going to get on a 3 minute, 25 mile an hour rush down the slope and a 3 minute cable ride back up? This will do nothing to enhance the experience of the Sandias, it will only enhance the pockets of the owners of the Sandia Ski area who see a substantial decrease in snowfall due to climate change and a corresponding drop in their income. I urge you to reject this proposal for the good of ALL those who already enjoy the natural beauty of the Sandia Mountains that is part of our public patrimony.