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Comments: I oppose the development of lans for the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster. The development here would surround the entire small range and the ski area is surrounded by a small, sensitive wilderness area. The downhill run for the coaster is planned to zig zag through one of the currently surviving swaths of natural forest growth between ski runs. The Cibola National Forest still contains many large, centuries-old trees in the area planned for the coaster. There is NO acceptable reason for cutting down these old trees as part of a construction project that doesn't belong in this area. with continuing drought and climate change - drought severe in this area of New Mexico - we must preserve these trees as long as possible. They are also an essential part of the habitat for many birds and animals. We do not need an entertainment activity added to the existing ski area. A coaster ride will not further the goal of enhancing people's appreciation of nature. I also believe it will be poorly utilized; Sandia ski area is not a major ski attraction compared to other nearby areas. What point, then does this coaster project serve? None that are useful and sensitive to our earth's current and future requirements. Thank you.