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Comments: I am writing to object to the proposal to develop the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster. The Sandias are a small range, and the ski area is located within a wilderness area which contains many old-growth trees that provide essential habitat for wildlife. The proposed project would zig-zag through these patches of old-growth forests, requiring that these centuries-old trees be cut and removed. At 25-30 mph, the coaster would zoom through what's left. Riding one of these might be thrilling, but it would be in no way enhance the riders' appreciation of nature. With our dwindling nature habitats and climate change now a reality, such a project would have an extremely negative effect on the environment. Please do not approve this deleterious project! Thank you. Minrose Gwin, PhD