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Comments: I would like to recommend that the permit for the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster NOT be granted. My main concern is the increase of congestion on the mountain, and possible increased automobile traffic that might be associated with the project. I realize that the project summary claims that the main access to the coaster would be via the Tramway. BUT, many people would be reluctant to pay the cost for a tram ride, in addition to whatever the cost of the coaster ride would be. People will choose to drive up to either Ellis trailhead or the Peak and, according to the current proposal, walk in to the Coaster. However, I envision shortly after the ride opens, the owners would claim insufficient access to their attraction, and propose a shuttle ride along the Ellis access road. It would be possible to build a similar coaster ride on the west side of the Sandias, accessible from the current Tram parking area, which would not impact the forested area of the mountain. This would be a much better solution, and satisfy the alleged main reason for the proposed attraction to provide additional recreational opportunities.