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Comments: Hello. I would like to comment on the proposal to construct a roller coaster on Sandia Mountain near the ski area.

I understand that there may be a need to increase revenue and use of this area, but I wonder if there would be projects that would be a better use of the natural beauty of the mountains. The noise of a roller coaster, the increase in car traffic, and the potential environmental impact of it have the potential to greatly alter the look and feel of this precious resource and put the whole forest at risk. As a regular hiker in the Sandias, I feel that this would be a serious detriment to the serenity that I and others seek when we go there. I also think it would negatively affect the animals and plant life, and in a time of drought and climate insecurity, increase the risk of forest fires.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.