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I fully support various forms of recreation in our national forests and believe diversity is key to maintaining enthusiasm and engagement in the preservation of our remaining natural environments.

However, I do not believe the Coaster Project is within the character of the Sandia Ranger District and I believe it would cause undue harm to the environment.

The Ski Area is an asset and I could envision expanding it's function to include shuttling mountain bikes. But the basic character of the ski area during the summer is of solitude and quiet, being fully embraced in nature.

Introducing a noisy, mechanized slide would wreck that character. The Crest Road is already overrun and too busy on weekend, with joy riding motorcycles passing on blind corners. Increased traffic up the road would endanger the many other users including cyclists and pedestrians.

So many other recreational opportunities exist currently in the Sandia Ranger District, I believe this proposal would fundamentally alter the area for the worse. Any potential financial gain by the investors would not merit the destruction of enjoyment by the current users. It is not the right thing for this place, at all.

Thank you for considering my opinion.