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Comments: I am writing in opposition. As a lover of the outdoors, biologist, and community member, I have several concerns about the ecological impact of this project. Excluding this project from a full Ecological Assessment seems nearsighted; while the construction itself might be taking place on already disturbed land, this choice seems to neglect the various other ways in which it would impact the landscape. Firstly, 75,000-100,000 visitors per year would mean dramatically increased traffic into the mountain, and the fragile ecosystems there would undoubtedly be impacted by that many vehicles circulating. Secondly, the claim that noise pollution is not a concern because the coaster would operate at similar sound intensity as existing lifts ignores the noise pollution created by the construction in the short term, and by the visitors and increased vehicle traffic in the long term. Additionally, increased traffic in the mountains would bring more trash, air pollution, disturbance to wildlife, and more. Importantly, all of these factors which would negatively affect the delicate montane habitats surrounding the area would be in effect year round, as opposed to primarily during winter months, as they currently exist in the ski area. The Sandias have abundant recreation opportunities to offer year round just as they are, including several very accessible trails that do not require high physical fitness to visit, featuring diverse flora and varied views. The claim made in the proposal that this coaster is "necessary" to provide more accessible recreation is simply false, we do not "need" this. Ecosystems are widely interconnected, and even minor disturbances can be far-reaching. I am greatly appreciative of the work the forest service does to protect wilderness, but believe this project would be straying away from that mission. Moving forward with this project will be damaging to the delicate, unique, and isolated habitats of the Sandias, and to our community. As our entire planet becomes increasingly disturbed and irreparably fragmented, I firmly believe we should do all we can to keep our wilderness areas protected and as intact as possible. We should devote resources towards conserving and restoring wilderness, not towards further eliminating it. Thank you for your time and consideration.