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Comments: I am writing in opposition to the construction of the mountain coaster. While I enjoy a good coaster, I am deeply concerned about the environmental impact this will have on the Sandia mountains by dramatically increasing traffic up the crest road, exacerbating the risk of wildfires that could cause sweeping damage, and disrupting the wildlife and other, gentler forms of recreation in the area. Responsible investment in activities that will increase accessibility to the outdoors is wonderful, but this is not that. While increasing accessibility to the outdoors is used to justify the coaster's construction, the description of the actual coaster and its bobsled-like qualities reveal that to be a sham. This is not the Tram, which legitimately allows disabled folks to enjoy the Sandias. As a lifelong Albuquerque resident who loves our town and state and wants to see them do well, I humbly urge you not to build this in our mountains. More is not always better, and folks could get a similar adrenaline rush from investment in a large coaster in the metro area without devastating our natural spaces.