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Comments: I oppose the proposed construction of a "mountain coaster" at the Sandia Peak Ski Area and urge the Forest Service not to approve the project. I believe we should regard Sandia Mountain and the broader Cibola National Forest first and foremost as a natural treasure to be safeguarded, not an opportunity for private interests to make money. I have serious concerns about the impact a mountain coaster would have on the surrounding plant and animal life. Moreover, a mountain coaster would greatly increase traffic on the mountain, which in turn would further disturb the ecosystem. The Sandias provide an opportunity for New Mexicans and visitors alike to escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy the natural beauty of our state. However, people will not be able to enjoy nature for long if we continually clear the forest to make room for development and drive the animals away with noise and activity.