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Comments: Hello,

I'm Devon Murphy, a nature lover and archivist, writing to share my perspective that the Cibola National Forest should be preserved in its current format, not with an added roller coaster. I write this with my background in both outdoor recreation (I have traveled across the country, including to New Mexico multiple times for hiking) and my background as a cultural heritage professional trained in Indigenous studies. I have many years of experience working productively with Native folks to preserve and protect cultural heritage; such heritage does extend to the natural world. Cibola National Forest is the land of Tiwa people, of the Sandia Pueblo; it is to their experience and expertise we must defer to, as visitors to their land. Adding a rollercoaster, which adds increased foot traffic, waste, noise, and loss of sensitive forest, is not appropriate or respectful to Sandia Pueblo land stewardship. I also write with some experience, seeing similar moves proposed and worked on in my home state in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The rise of resorts has caused increased trash, vandalism to sensitive rock forms and caves, and loss of habitat, as well as vandalized hiking trails. I do not wish to see the same issues transferred to Cibola. Thank you do your time!