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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

As a resident of Albuquerque and hiker, I am strongly opposed to the proposed Mountain Coaster Project.

This area is currently enjoyed by many local residents and visitors for its trails, quiet, wildlife, and serenity. The project would negatively affect all of these with the destruction of trees and wildlife habitats. An Environmental Assessment would be required prior to approval in order to understand how this proposed project would affect the already threatened or endangered birds in the area. This has not been done.

As a hiker, I know it would impinge on the hiking trails and bring 100,000 additional people to this wilderness area. I believe the area cannot support this many additional visitors. Additionally, hikers are frequently looking for quiet and solitude and visitors at a project like this are not quiet. The Tram is usually operating at maximum capacity - how will these visitors access the area.

I understand that some people enjoy these types of projects but this location is completely inappropriate. Please do the right thing for the area and Albuquerque and reject the proposed plan.