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Re: This public comment is in opposition to the proposed project "Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985"

As a professional working in natural resource governance and development, this project appears to be misjudged and harmful. The Cibola National Forest's recreation experience stems from its natural beauty, not any mountain roller coaster. The construction of a rollercoaster will not only ruin views, but may lead to disruptions to the ecosystem as well as surrounding social systems and lands. Further environmental assessments or environmental impact statement processes are absolutely necessary. For any sort of development in Sandia Peak, there must be cumulative impact studies not only of the construction itself (which will not be "passive"), but also the impact of increased footfall, noise, pollution, wildlife patterns, litter and contamination, and other connectivity burdens that a roller coaster would place such as wiring and other electric materials.

Furthermore, this mountain is sacred to the Pueblo of Sandia. Given the important cultural significance of Sandia Peak, this proposal should more explicitly address how it has engaged meaningfully and truthfully with the Pueblo of Sandia and surrounding communities. Even if such a project would somehow fit within a Special Use Permit, the outer boundaries and surroundings may experience adverse impact with this type of recreation. Explicit consultation and consent is required.