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Comments:

I object to the construction of the roller coaster and believe there should be more public awareness and correspondence regarding this project.

This project should be subject to both an Environmental Assessment and Environmental Impact Statement along with another round of public comments. This project is one of many public works that show an overvaluing of tourist attractions and undervaluing of local input and impact. The aforementioned reasons don't even begin to emphasize the fact that these mountains are sacred sites for the Tewa people, namely the Sandia Pueblo.

This project is a reminder to the Tewa people, and those standing in solidarity with them, that the desire to create space for recreation and tourism are always considered over the objections of indigenous and local people and the concerns they raise. The same people who help operate these projects; who deal with the often invisible or overlooked effects of tourist economies.

Any jobs that this project creates, as well as the gross receipt taxes generated are coming from a place of exclusion and narrowed interests. I beg the project managers to begin to recognize that these type of economic development projects are clear examples of the tourism industry being held as more important than the concerns and historical wounds of indigenous and local people.