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Comments: Hello,

I am submitting comments for the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985. While I applaud the creativity of this proposed project for tourism purposes, I am concerned that the proposed project has not been adequately assessed for its potential negative impacts. A roller coaster is a large, loud piece of infrastructure, impacting both the viewshed and soundscape of the mountains in ways that other outdoor activities (skiing, mountain biking, hiking), do not. I especially worry that the noise from the coaster itself in addition to the people engaging in the activity (such as screaming while riding the roller coaster) will irreparably damage the outdoor recreational industry for this area. Most people go to the mountains for some solace away from an urban setting, and this seems fundamentally at odds with that notion. At a minimum, I feel like this needs to be more thoroughly examined through an Environmental Assessment or similar.

Thank you for your consideration.