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Comments: We object to the plan to construct a Coaster ride on public land on Sandia Peak. The close proximity to a growing urban area puts ever-increasing pressure on nearby recreation options -- places to walk, birdwatch, spend quiet time and enjoy nature. A coaster ride is an amusement feature that will require invasive disturbance for construction and maintenance, generate mechanical and human noise, and generate profit for a private company at the expense of this much loved public asset. Patrons of a coaster ride will necessarily be limited to those who can pay the ticket price. Users will not likely have time and place to contemplate nature as they zoom, shrieking, through altered landscape. Once such an attraction is permitted there will no doubt be pressure by ride enthusiasts and commercial interests to allow more amusement park-type devices -- and why not? -- as Sandia and nature are forever disconnected.

Consider carefully what it means to have a unique high alpine forest near a large city, and reject this travesty of development