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Comments: I would like to voice my concern about the proposed mountain roller coaster at Sandia ski area. This is a poor use of public lands for several reasons:

-The infrastructure required is a more permanent alteration of the natural landscape than a trail. Trails on public land are open to multiple types of users at no cost save for a small access fee while this slide requires payment to the operator while blocking access to those wishing to enjoy the landscape we pay for with our taxes. The operator can abandon this at anytime and leave it to the taxpayers to foot the bill to remove it

-This operator has shown themselves to be less than wise in their choices of how to spend public money (bond issues) and use public lands, they have a poor track record of making remunerative use of public resources and I would like to encourage the USFS to resist the pressure to authorise further bad business decisions.

-The alpine slide is not a long term investment, users typically visit once or twice as children, it is not an activity that people pursue as a passion unlike, say, skiing, hiking, or biking.

-An easy choice for this operator would be to use their resources to upgrade and build downhill mountain bike trails. With lifts already in place, trail construction is more affordable and significantly less impactful than the steel structure and concrete footings required by the slide. People get into bike riding when young and continue into late adulthood and beyond - this would generate an expanding customer base, as opposed to the slide that gets experienced a few times in a life.

In short, this is a myopic choice for use of our precious public lands, this operator has proven themselves to make less than wise business decisions, and we should not support their poor decision making. That they struggle to keep their business in the red and constantly avail themselves to public support with a location such a short drive from a very large metropolitan area should be all the evidence needed to encourage them to move on.