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Comments: I am concerned that the United States Forest Service seeks to categorically exclude the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster Project from either an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS), as required by the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA).

The proposal for this project claims this is because the project is consistent with the Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan. However, this Forest Plan was drafted in 1985. It needs to be updated. It would be irresponsible to move forward on this project without seriously considering the ecological impact. There should be regular consultation with the inhabitants of surrounding land, as this project would be impacting them.

Do not put profit before people. It is not sustainable. It is not responsible. Reflect, consult with those who disagree with the proposal. Think beyond what one seeks to gain from this project and consider the far reaching and long lasting impact it would have.