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Comments: I write to voice my opposition to the proposed mountain coaster project ("project"). In the summer months, the Sandias have heavy automobile traffic, and the project will increase vehicle traffic significantly. The increased vehicle traffic will adversely impact bicyclists who travel on NM 536, horseback riders, and hikers. The forest service must adequately take these and other users' interests before pursuing this project. If the project proceeds, I recommend that the service limit vehicle parking at the base of the ski area and require coaster riders to access the coaster by riding the tramway.

Separately, the project should not proceed unless the forest service carefully studies the potential impact of the project on flora and fauna in the area. One-off construction impacts could seriously damage alpine flora, and persistent noise from the coaster may traumatize birds and animals.