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Comments: It is my understanding that the Sandia mountain area is sacred to the Pueblo of Sandia. It is also understood that this area is under the protection of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) with the demarcation as an Environmental Asset (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

While it is proposed to be "categorically excluded" from these protections with the idea that the amusement attraction will cause a "minimal amount of new disturbance", it goes against the verbalized wishes of the Pueblo of Sandia.

A "minimal amount of new disturbance" (which is hard to measure and arguably understated) is not enough to justify the desecration, commodification, and capitalization of land sacred to the Pueblo of Sandia people.

Even if the Pueblo of Sandia people were the promised recipients of the capital generated from the amusement park, which they are most certainly not, the construction of a roller coaster directly defies the demands of the community.

The Pueblo of Sandia community has opposed any and all construction of the Sandia Peak area since the loss of the Sandias to the Forest Service 1990's.

While I do understand the desire to erect outdoor recreation areas that may bring joy to those able to afford leisure time, I am vehemently opposed the construction of a roller coaster that encroaches on sacred Pueblo Sandia land.

I believe this roller coaster proposal would be far more effective and also respect the will of the Pueblo of Sandia community if it were proposed in an area outside of the Sandia mountain area.

One of the most progressive and just ways to move forward with this project is to work with the Pueblo of Sandia, requiring community approval for the proposed location