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Comments: This public comment is made in strenuous opposition to the proposed project, "Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985."

The proposal for the roller coaster at the peak coaster describes a "passive recreation experience." I am very worried, because the proposal works to exclude an EA or EIS and claims a "minimal" disturbance to this important area. This has not been demonstrated, and I firmly believe that cumulative impact studies are required. It's obvious that a new attraction like a roller coaster will increase traffic to the peak, and the potentially deleterious effect of such an increase in traffic to the watershed, and to the total ecosystem, including plants and wildlife, is unknown. Noise pollution, litter, and other contamination can have serious effects. Though the proposed coaster is within the bounds of the Special Use Permit, the potential deleterious effects of the roller coaster can and likely will occur outside of the Special Use Permit boundaries.

An additional and highly significant matter of concern is that the mountain is sacred to the Sandia Pueblo, who have important spiritual claim to the Sandia Mountains. It is not clear whether the Sandia Pueblo was meaningfully consulted and offered an opportunity to meaningfully consent (or not) on this project. As the potential impacts of the coaster may extend outside the boundaries of the Special Use Permit Ski area, the Sandia Pueblo really needs to be consulted as they have a vested interest in any development of or increase in traffic to their sacred mountain.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comment.