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Comments: I'm writing to comment on the proposal of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985. I'm writing in opposition of the project as I believe it will be detrimental to the health of the ecosystem as well as the enjoyment of nature lovers who so cherish these mountains. The noise alone would be enough to deter hikers and nature lovers for whom the sounds and silences of the natural landscape are amongst the most prized aspects of recreation in nature. Not to mention the potential for increased traffic and litter. It can be difficult enough to keep trails and forests free of trash even when the visitors are there specifically for the enjoyment of nature.

I live in Albuquerque and I'll say that I hear regularly that one of the greater appeals of the city is it's easy access to natural environs. To build a roller coaster in the middle of national forest would be a detriment to all residents of the surrounding areas who take comfort, enjoyment and inspiration from the grandeur and serenity of the Sandia Mountains. Please protect these mountains and the life sustaining ecosystem that thrives on them. No roller coasters in place of nature!!