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Comments: I'm a long term resident of New Mexico currently living in Pennsylvania. I thought it was a joke when I first saw a post on social media about a roller coaster in the Sandias. This land is sacred, not just to the Pueblo communities who have been historically ignored and disrespected, but to all of us. This land isn't "ours" to take and change and capitalize on, it is ancestral homeland. It is also a sacred part of the land in a general sense, and putting a roller coaster on it will change the energy of the mountain, the traffic in the area, and have potential ripple effects on the ecology of the area. Tourists don't often consider the flora and fauna of the desert and I can see this being a big step in categorical disrespect of the area. Are there no other places to have a roller coaster? No abandoned buildings or parking lots, no abandoned shopping centers? Is there no other path to revenue besides theft? I'm not particularly eloquent but this just boggles my mind and I truly hope the plans don't proceed and someone has a better idea.