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Comments: I am writing today to oppose - in the strongest possible terms- the development of a roller coaster near Sandia Peak. Such a development will have longterm impacts on the ecosystem and watershed; increase traffic (and therefore both noise and fossil fuel pollution), and further decimate and degrade an area considered sacred by the people and cultures who have called this particular place both home and church for countless generations.

The consequences of such a development should not be taken lightly, though it seems they have been in this process. In case y'all somehow failed to notice: we are living through a time that is almost certainly our last possible chance to avert climate disaster. Maintaining and rehabilitating natural areas should be at the top of your priority list, assuming you are interested leaving a habitable planet for your children, grandchildren, and beyond.

We are also living through a time of reckoning regarding the way that money, power, resources, and humanity have been allocated in this country: mostly along racial lines, for the benefit of monied white interests. To proceed with a project that furthers that legacy.... well, at the very least, I hope you're embarrassed by how tone deaf that is. To be blunt: yes, I am definitely saying this is a racist act, one bordering on, if not full blown genocidal in the way that it will forever alters the land and render it inaccessible to people who consider it sacred.

I urge you to reconsider, knowing that it'll probably not matter (there's too much money to be made, after all). But I urge you nonetheless, because things don't have to be like this in the future - another world is possible. That world does not contain or need a rollercoaster down the Sandias- instead it involves a habitable planet where people's needs are met. Just consider.