

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/31/2021 12:11:46 AM

First name: Hilary

Last name: Estell

Organization:

Title:

Comments: This comment is in regards to the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster Project.

This project is deeply concerning to me and I don't agree with it. Any sort of development in our wild lands for economic purposes which will disturb or reduce the existing natural terrain and wildlife will only take away from those of us who currently enjoy the land, as well as future generations. Even if the roller coaster itself may have little impact, I fear that if it comes into existence, this will mean the beginning of more development and unnecessary projects in future. We do not need a theme park in the mountains.

I also deeply disagree with this statement from the project website:

"Due to the minimal amount of new disturbance associated with the proposed action, the CNF is considering categorically excluding this project from analysis in an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS)"

Some sort of environmental impact analysis SHOULD be done on principal. You're not dealing with a piece of empty land in the city. This is in the forest. We have no idea how this might impact the nearby flora and fauna, or the structure of the mountain itself. If this project goes through, at least have the decency to make sure it isn't going to harm our wild lands.