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Comments: To whom it my concern.

While I do not reside in New Mexico, I strongly disagree with the building of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster. I do not believe that a roller coaster can be built without severely damaging the natural landscape, wildlife, and watershed of your community. Increased recreational traffic to the area could have adverse effects to the area from increased noise pollution, increased litter from tourists, and other types of contamination. In Arizona, we have our own Mount. Humphrey's Peak that is used seasonally for skiing. However, the city of Flagstaff uses contaminated water when making the snow for the ski season, and has been an issue within the community for many years. These mountains, both Mount Humphrey and Sandia Peak are sacred to the indigenous peoples who called this land their home even before the formation of the United States. I am unaware whether the indigenous peoples of your state have been consulted on the building of this rollercoaster, but I would strongly urge you to consult with them about this project and hear what concerns they have about the building of this project. I believe there are other ways to increase outdoor recreation and education without damaging the environment and the relationship among members of your community with the construction of a rollercoaster. Having seen the damage that the use of contaminated water has done to the relationship with the city of Flagstaff and people within the community of my own state, I urge you to not go forward with the construction of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster Project.