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Comments: I do not believe this mountain coaster should be built.

First, it is within a wilderness which is already stressed with the pressures of a ski slope and urbanization. Not only would a mountain coaster increase noise but it could also increase visitation on the mountain. Additional noise would interfere with birds and other wildlife that are sensitive to noise change. Animals that are not directly impacted by the noise might still avoid the area because of the noise disturbance. While the mountain coaster is not directly accessible by the back Sandia Crest Road it might still increase traffic on the backside of the mountain.

Second, the mountain coaster is a private business and it is unclear who would benefit from the profit. One would assume that the owners of Sandia Tram will be the profiteers. It is unfortunate because they are using public land that is not only designated as a wilderness area but also is managed with tax payer money. In addition, the coaster would only be accessible to paying patrons of the Sandia Tram. This means that if one wanted to hike from the Crest to the Tram they would not be able to ride it. The mountain coaster would only benefit the owners of it despite it being in a wilderness area which is not suppose to have motorized tools.