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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service: I am a resident of Sandia Park and have enjoyed my time in the Sandia Mountains for the last 14 years. I am writing to comment on the proposal to develop a "Mountain Coaster" on Sandia Peak (Project #56985). I oppose this project for a lot of reasons my first concern is the increased traffic on the already fragile mountain. I do not agree with the traffic assessment on the Mountain Coaster website. This project is certain to hurt the Sandia Mountain coniferous tree population that is already greatly challenged. I have gone to multiple fire awareness meetings here, some with forest service staff. What has been repeated is the phrase "not if, when." It seems incredibly dangerous to increase the already extremely high risk of wildfires. The Sandia Mountains are a sacred treasure. It would be very unfortunate to make greater risks of wildlife mortality, increased noise pollution, more vehicle exhaust emissions, increased traffic crashes, more litter from car windows, greater congestion on mountain roadways, greater risks to pedestrians and bicyclists walking or riding alongside roadways, and many others. It's already awful to experience very loud reckless cars speeding up the mountain every weekend in the warmer weather months. I am sure the coaster would only make that worse.

Thank you for listening