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Comments: I'm writing in strong opposition to the proposed roller coaster in the Sandia Mountains. Firstly, the mountains are sacred to the Tiwa & Deoples, and this proposal is in direct contradiction with the wishes of many in the pueblo communities. Beyond this first reason, I am a hiker and a birder. The Sandias are beautiful and tranquil - not the place for the noise pollution, trash pollution, and increased foot traffic of non-naturalist/non-hiker tourists. I am deeply concerned about the impact of this proposal - and even more concerned that the department is considering forgoing both the Environmental Assessment and the Environmental Impact Statement. Do not go forward with this proposal - too much is at stake and too much will be lost of this beautiful landscape which brings solace, peace, wonder, and sanctity to so many Indigenous and settler/Albuquerque people. Roller coasters are not and should not ever be the priority of those who are in charge of protecting National Forests.