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Comments: I am writing to vociferously oppose the "mountain coaster" project in the Sandia Mountains. Desecrating such a beautiful natural area not only robs the citizens of Albuquerque of one of few pristine local natural retreats, but is deeply offensive to the people of the Sandia Pueblo, for whom the mountains are sacred. The mountains and forest lands of the Sandia Ranger District are not an economic commodity to be sold, but are preserved to be enjoyed as natural areas. There is absolutely no way the stated purpose of these lands can be respected when a loud and preposterous rollercoaster blasts through it, nor if a concession stand is installed. The impact on the natural area of such a garish and noisy abomination is impossible to overstate. All Burquenos should be outraged that such a desperately stupid idea would even be considered for our beautiful Sandias.