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Comments:

First of all, this is a large enough project that it warrants an EA or EIS. The disturbance to the terrain, watershed and wildlife will be significant.

The Mountain Coasters that I have seen in operation, like at Steamboat CO, are in already very successful popular resorts, incorporated low on the mountain just above the base lodge, where there is already a ton of infrastructure like a gondola base station, and integrated into the ski area base village. Here we have just the opposite, being located on top of the mountain, in a more environmentally sensitive area.

Do we really need an amusement structure on this mountain? The ski area is surrounded by Wilderness? Get out and be close to nature by smelling the flowers and watching the birds. You can't do that by sitting in a car, then being towed back up.

With climate change, the ski area is already marginal anyway. Is this throwing good money after bad? And when the ski area fails, and the owner pulls out, who will clean up the mess? This would only add to the clean-up effort. The ride will last less than 2 minutes if the coaster travels at 20 mph, covering the 0.6 miles.

The targeted users are those who can't or don't want to recreate in any other manner. Will they keep coming back? Or will there be a burst of interest, and once everyone in the area has tried it, the crowds disappear. We already have the Steel Forest Antenna Farm, the Upper Tram Terminal, the Upper Chair Lifts, the 10-3 Restaurant, the Crest Cafe & Diff Shop. Isn't that enough infrastructure and development? This is a bad idea.