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Comments: I'm trying to make a quick comment on this project as today is the deadline for making a comment.

I believe this project requires an EA or EIS. The project proposes an inappropriate use of national forest land in our beloved Sandia Mountains. A Categorical Exclusion is insufficient to address this project. The Forest Service should not be in the amusement park business. I believe such a project would increase visitor usage and the effects of this on various aspects of the wilderness and wildlife needs to be addressed. Already mountain biking has become a problem in the Sandia foothills due to irresponsible bicyclists and recent bicycle technology. The effects of increasing recreational usage using machines like the mountain coaster and mountain bicycles need to be seriously addressed as their impacts may seriously impact the ecological features of the Mountains as well as the enjoyment of the Sandia Mountains in its natural condition. Such a project might lead to similar type projects in the future. The mountains are for enjoying the scenery and wildlife and communing with nature.

I support comments made by Logan Glasenapp of New Mexico Wild and Susan Ostlie of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness in a letter to you dated March 30, 2021.