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Comments: I apologize in advance if I am sending this comment to the wrong address. I heard just today about the Sandia Peak project plan to build a mountain coaster, so am hoping that my comment may be considered, even if I'm outside the "commenting period."

I recreate in the Sandia mountains, and find peace spending time there. I have some concerns about the mountain coaster project, as the plan is currently laid out. My first - and main - concern is about "categorically [excluding] this project from any Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process." The plan cites those exclusions would take place because of the coaster presenting a "minimal amount of new disturbances."

There needs to be understanding of how this project will affect the mountain and forest area in the long run - cumulative impact studies can determine this long term effect. It seems hasty to decide there could be "minimal amount of new disturbances" without conducting an Environmental Assessment. This type of recreation could bring increased traffic to the peak, and thus could have adverse environmental impacts on the watershed and wildlife, not to mention litter or noise pollution.

Whether this project proposal is within the Special Use Permit boundaries of Sandia Peak or not, the adjacent forest and mountain areas - the boundaries of the Sandia Peak area - could experience adverse impacts as a result of the mountain coaster project. As outlined in the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, federal organizations must conduct EAs on projects like this coaster, if it impacts land that is under the jurisdiction of said federal agency.

The Sandias are sacred to the people of Albuquerque and the people of New Mexico as a whole. I ask you to please reconsider how the plan is currently written.