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Comments:

I think building a mountain coaster in the Sandia Mountains would transform a beautiful place to enjoy natural beauty into something closer to an amusement park. People do not go to the top of the mountains for amusement park-type attractions; they go there for beautiful views. A mountain coaster would be an unsightly monstrosity, diminishing the beauty of the Sandia Peak Ski Area. A cited reason for this project is "to increase multi-seasonal recreational opportunities," but I think hiking always has been and always will be a perfectly adequate multi-seasonal recreational opportunity. Plus, riding the lift up and hiking or biking down the mountain has always been a lovely summer activity. That is plenty to do. Let's not mar the area with a misplaced, un-classy roller coaster. Roller coasters do not belong in national forests.