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Comments:

I am writing today in opposition to the proposed "Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster." We need to make sure that the surrounding communities are not only being consulted but also taken into account. The CNF should not be considering excluding this project from any Environmental Assessment (EA) or Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process; we need to know what the impacts of this project are not turn a blind eye to it.

This area is sacred to the Pueblo of Sandia and it's community members; not only should these communities be properly and meaningfully consulted on this project, ignoring environmental impacts will still place these communities in the cross-fire of these environmental impacts. This project is not likely to have minimal amount of new disturbance, between the noise, light, litter, and construction/running pollution coming from this new project. These effects are not limited to the communities but also the mountain and forest areas and could cause damage long-term, such as adverse environmental impacts to the entire watershed and wildlife of these areas because of the increased recreational use of the area.

In order for this project to go forward, there needs to be adequate consultation with the pueblos and other surrounding communities, and there needs to be cumulative environmental assessments about the impacts through studies.