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Comments:

This public comment is in opposition of the proposed project, "Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985." As a United States citizen, I am deeply concerned that the United States Forest Service is seeking to categorically exclude the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster Project from an environmental assessment and/or environmental impact statement, as required by the National Environment Protection Agency. The proposed project will not cause minimal damage, as the SE Group website claims; the Cibola National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan the group bases said claim on is 35 years old and in desperate need of updates to reflect the environmental changes that have accumulated over this 35 year period. This project does not comport with what the Resource Management Plan is, or what it should be. Additionally, this project is likely to put further pressure on an already-stressed ecosystem. This project will drastically change the Sandia Mountains, and any potential change must be considered, both for the health of the ecosystem and for the damage that degrading the Mountains will do for the local economy and industries. If the Sandia Mountains no longer draw visitors because the project degrades the natural beauty of the area, the local economy will feel this impact severely. For these reasons, this comments opposes the proposed project, "Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985".