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To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to voice my opposition to the building of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster. I have lived my whole life in Albuquerque, and the Sandia Mountains have always been a place of nature and wildlife that I have learned so much from and that I love with all my heart. All my life I have hiked, sledded, and snowshoed in the mountains, and, as a young person who is deeply concerned with the environment and being able to live in a clean and sustainable world, I was devastated to hear about this project.

So few places are left in this world where we have simply allowed nature to coexist with humans, and although that's not completely the case with the Sandias (because of the tram, the ski area, etc.), allowing the destruction and change of more of the natural world for simply the purpose of "recreation" is disgusting.

While I understand that one purpose of the Mountain Coaster is to create a non-weather dependent attraction in the Sandias since snowfall has decreased in the passed decades and the amount of skiers and snowboarders has dropped, this is addressing the wrong problem. The decrease in snowfall is because of climate change, and if the bigger issue isn't addressed, nothing is solved. Similarly, the roller coaster WILL have an impact on the environment, no matter how small.

As a young person feeling the effects of the climate and ecological crisis, the Sandia Mountains mean so much to me as a place where I can still experience the beauty of nature, plants, animals, and clean air. Although, to most, building one roller coaster doesn't seem like that big a deal, to me it seems like the first step in the demolition of one of the only truly natural places I know. Therefore, I would like to state that I am completely against the building of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Roller Coaster.

Thank you for considering.

Sincerely,

Ada Ovitt

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