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To Whom It May Concern,

We are writing in support of the Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster #56985 project:

- \* The project adds another opportunity for people to engage with the Sandia Mountain and general outdoor recreation that is not widely available and not within reach of our communities
- \* The project will provide the surrounding community and state of NM with an additional recreation opportunity
- \* The project will support, create and enhance tourism revenue for the community and state
- \* The project will support more full-time employment opportunities by making the Sandia Peak Ski Area less seasonal and weather dependent
- \* Importantly, the project utilizes limited spaces already engaged in recreational usage and disturbed, as well as existing transportation and utility infrastructures, thus creating minimal environmental impact
- \* The Sandia Peak Ski Area is an ideal location, none better in NM, for this recreational offering and placing it here lessens or removes the economic incentives to place it elsewhere that may cause greater environmental impact - in this way it may help protect other forests from similar development - be they public or privately controlled.
- \* We believe this project is an example of the kind of creative land uses for which national forests, parks and general public lands were created

For these reasons we support approval of the project and urge the U.S. Forest Service and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to both approve the project and participate in its development to ensure responsible development.