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# News Release

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## Forest Service Seeks Comments on Proposed Mountain Coaster Project Sandia Ranger District

**Albuquerque, NM, (September 15, 2020)** – The public is invited to offer comments on the proposed Mountain Coaster to be located on the Sandia Ranger District of Cibola National Forest and National Grasslands(CNF). The proposed project area would be at the Sandia Peak Ski Area, near the Sandia Peak Tramway top terminal, 10 miles northeast of Albuquerque, NM. This project proposal was developed to increase multi-seasonal recreational opportunities at Sandia Peak Ski Area. The proposal includes construction of a mountain coaster and a concessions building. Information regarding this project is available on the CNF project website: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56985>. An interactive viewer is also available: <https://arcg.is/1mLXfi>.

**Public Engagement:** Comments will be accepted at any time. However, those posted after the close of a designated comment period may not be able to be given full consideration. Comments received by March 30, 2021 will be most helpful in assisting the CNF during this scoping process.

- **Written comments** should be submitted to Crystal Powell, District Ranger, Sandia Ranger District, Cibola National Forest, 11776 Hwy 337, Tijeras, NM, 87059, Attention: Bryan West
- **Electronic comments**, including attachments, can be submitted to: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=56985>

Please include:

- Your name, address, telephone number, organization represented, if applicable
- The proposed action - Sandia Peak Ski Area Mountain Coaster Project
- Specific facts and supporting reasons for your considerations

Here are some tips to consider while commenting:

- Comments should be clear, concise, and relevant to the analysis of the documents. Take the time to organize your thoughts so your comments are understood.
- Comments that are solution-oriented and provide specific examples will be more effective than those that simply oppose the statement the comment relates to.





- Commenting is not a form of “voting” on an alternative. The number of negative comments an agency receives does not prevent an action from moving forward. Numerous comments that repeat the same basic message of support or opposition will typically be responded to collectively.

For more information, contact the project leader, Bryan West, at [bryan.west@usda.gov](mailto:bryan.west@usda.gov) or 303-275-5276.

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