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**From:** Bill Johnson (b) (5)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 9, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Pence, Jay -FS <jay.pence@usda.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Don't develop it - Grand Targhee Resort proposed expansion

Dear sir,

You don't know me, but I have been visiting the Tetons for four decades since my early youth, and have many fond memories of hiking both the east side and west side of the Tetons and along the Teton Crest Trail, and my family has lived in the Teton River Valley around Driggs for many years.

PLEASE do not move forward with plans to further develop the pristine areas around Grand Targhee Resort (GTR), there is plenty of land in the valley to develop, and contrary to their claims, Targhee ski area does not need to expand with more ski runs, condos, townhomes, etc. Many times I have skied there in recent years, we find the runs mostly open and empty, save for a few weeks a year around holidays. Even those areas could benefit from more and faster lifts, not from expanding the ski area boundary.

GTR claims that they need this to stay competitive, but that cannot be the case, they aren't that busy in the first place, and expansion at GTR will simply lead other resorts to further expand, which will lead GT to need further expansion. When does it end?

Simple geography will prevent GTR from ever competing with places like Jackson Hole (which has better terrain period), or many of the resorts in Colorado, which have a much larger, much closer consumer base to benefit from.

Please, can we leave these areas unpaved, natural, for future generations to enjoy? Development is not the answer in this case.

Sincerely,  
Bill Johnson  
Property Owner, Driggs Idaho