From: Pence, Jay -FS

To: Franchina, Rachel -FS

Subject: Fwd: Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects

Date: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:52:44 AM

Comments for the analysis.

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From: Kelly Barnes (b) (5)

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2020 8:04 AM

To: Pence, Jay -FS

Subject: Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects

Dear Mr. Pence:

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you today concerning the proposed Targhee expansion into Teton Canyon. Even though the expansion would most likely mean lots of business for my family, as we own a short term rental unit on Ski Hill Road, I implore you to not let greed win here and disallow for the expansion into the undeveloped Teton Canyon. We live in Teton Valley ourselves as well and are pass holders to the resort. Even though more terrain would be nice, it is not worth destruction to critical wildlife habitat. Why can't we just leave nature as is? Us humans don't need more ski runs. The animals need their homes and sadly now need our protection from corporations. Teton Valley is only getting busier and this means we need to fight to preserve the land that is left and utilized by the wildlife we so greatly cherish. We don't need to infringe upon the flora and fauna any more than we already have.

We regularly recreate in Teton Canyon and I can tell you that we always spot wildlife there. My friend and I just set out on the Alaska Basin TH a few weeks ago and a juvenile black bear popped out onto the trail to take a closer look at us. I have heard wild cats call in the middle of the night while camping. There are deer galore. I don't think I need to tell you this; surely you know for yourself. Please protect this special area. If there is anything I can do to help, I would be willing to volunteer.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

The Barnes Family - Kelly, David, Mead and Dillon

Sent from my iPhone