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Mel Bolling
Forest Supervisor
Caribou-Targhee National Forest
P.O. Box 777
Driggs, ID 83401

Dear Supervisor Bolling:

We are writing to formally request that the Teton County Wyoming Board of County Commissioners be designated a Cooperating Agency, during the Environmental Impact Statement process for the consideration of the Grand Targhee Resort Expansion Plan. This status will ensure that our community can stay both informed and engaged during the Scoping process.

While the expansion lies outside of the County's planning jurisdiction per the Grand Targhee Resort First Amended Master Plan, the Teton County Wyoming Commissioners seek confirmation that there is a nexus between an expansion of this scale and the expected service and growth requirements of the Resort. In doing so, we must ensure that all possible adverse impacts concerning the area's critical alpine and subalpine environs and wildlife habitats are properly vetted and weighed in the proposal.

Teton County Wyoming Sheriff Matt Carr also noted that this proposal could greatly expand side-country activity between the Resort and Teton Canyon and could result in increased rescue services.

Teton County Wyoming Commissioners hope that all alternative plans can be explored to ensure the most appropriate use of the land in the proposed expansion.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Sincerely,

Natalia D. Macker, Chairwoman

Teton County Board of County Commissioners

Maureen E. Murphy

Attest:

Teton County Clerk

CC: Teton County Idaho Board of County Commissioners; Teton Basin District Ranger Jay Pence