



City of Driggs

Department of Community Development

'The Heart of Teton Valley'
Inc. 1910

Mel Bolling, c/o Jay Pence
Teton Basin District Ranger
P.O. Box 777
Driggs, ID 83422

October 12, 2020

RE: Grand Targhee Resort EIS Scoping Period Comments

Dear Mr. Bolling,

Grand Targhee Resort is an important partner and engine in our community's economic success and the City of Driggs looks forward to participating in the EIS process to ensure that the resort continues to support the community's vision and goals found in multiple adopted Comprehensive Plans (City of Driggs, Teton County Idaho, Teton County Wyoming).

Issues of importance to residents of Driggs and to our economic wellbeing include the following, which we request be reviewed and addressed in the EIS process:

- Dark Skies – mountaintop/ridgetop development and general expansion of exterior lighting would be concerns;
- Wildlife Protection – concerns include both impacts to important habitats and species and increased vehicle collisions from resort traffic;
- Traffic Impacts – concerns include service level impacts at buildout and appropriate requirements for improvements to roads and transit infrastructure to maintain acceptable service levels for the community, and adjustment to expansion scale if necessary;
- Community Character - the concern is that the resort match the scale of the community and our vision for a unique small town character and rural lifestyle that is not overshadowed by the activity level of a larger resort, but complemented by it.
- Housing – the concern is the impact on housing availability for the Driggs workforce, including further conversion of long-term rentals to short-term rentals and on median wage vs. median home costs.

On behalf of the City of Driggs, I appreciate the consideration of the above issues in the Grand Targhee Resort EIS. Please contact me if I can provide any clarifications.

Sincerely,

Doug Self, AICP
Community Development Director