



**Teton
Conservation
District
Est. 1946**

Mel Bolling, c/o Mr. Jay Pence
Teton Basin District Ranger
P.O. Box 777
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October 29, 2020



Dear Mr. Bolling and Mr. Pence,

In light of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process underway by the Caribou-Targhee National Forest to assess the Grand Targhee Resort Expansion Plan, the elected Board of Supervisors for the Teton Conservation District (TCD) formally requests to be designated as a Cooperating Agency. TCD would thereby like to be included in written discourse with candidate cooperating agencies, as well as a determination of our inclusion or exclusion by letter or memorandum.

The proposed federal actions have the potential to affect natural resources—as well as local culture, practices, and economics—within the legal jurisdiction of TCD. Our locally-elected board and employed staff hold demonstrable and significant technical natural resource, data set, and public representation expertise that can contribute to the successful completion of NEPA process obligations.

Past versions of the Grand Targhee Master Plan and subsequent amendment have been reviewed by TCD through the Teton County Planning Department, which has given TCD a background understanding of those documents. Under the proposed actions, protecting natural resources and the health and well-being of our community will require increased collaborative conservation efforts as per TCD's statutory responsibilities and mission.

Thank you for considering the opportunity for TCD to constructively participate in the NEPA process as a Cooperating Agency.

Sincerely,

Steve McDonald
Teton Conservation District Board Chair
Alta, Wyoming

Conserving our natural resources – air, land, water, vegetation, and wildlife

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