

No Targhee X is a community-based organization to educate people about the Grand Targhee Expansion. In June of 2023, we sent out a petition for people to sign to tell Mel Bolling the Forest supervisor for the Caribou-Targhee National Forest at the time to stop the expansion at Grand Targhee. Mel Bolling has retired, so this should now be addressed to Kim Pierson, the now acting Forest Supervisor for the Caribou Targhee National Forest. We had 315 people signed the petition and 198 left comments. Below are the comments from the petition.

We, the undersigned, are either full-time residents or vacation home owners in Teton County Idaho or Teton County Wyoming.

Mr. Bolling, we ask you to say NO to the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort and NO to the proposed mountain-top restaurants.

We trust you will take our opposition into consideration prior to making your final decisions in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Comments from the petition
(Direct quotes no editing)

I am very concerned about the impacts on wildlife, and the noise impacts of ski lifts and a restaurant on the adjoining wilderness and national park. Several times I have been hiking or backpacking in either the wilderness or national park and can hear Dreamcatcher lift running. That lift noise is already a problem, and we don't need to add to that noise pollution. Wildlife range is already being squeezed with the growth of Teton Valley. Expanding the ski area will be detrimental to the wildlife in the area.

Strongly against the Targhee expansion. We must protect and not develop our precious resources for wildlife habitat. Stop the encroachment!

Please don't ruin one of the last great places in the west. Targhee is great the way it is, you will ruin Driggs and the small town mountain feeling we all love. Please don't approve the expansion.

In wilderness lies the preservation of mankind.

Do not expand Targhee we want to protect our dark skies, view of the Grand, no additional traffic, decreased air quality, more noise and protect the greater Yellowstone Ecosystem


I grew up in Idaho Falls, I lived in Driggs for several years. I've skied at Targhee since I was a toddler. I love Targhee, but I don't want it to become an amusement park that spoils the natural beauty. I've hiked all over the Teton range. Expansion of Targhee, especially into Teton Canyon would ruin the wilderness feeling of the area. Please don't ruin this special place by turning it into a mega resort. Please do not approve targhee expansion.

The Teton Range, greater Yellowstone, 'Ghee, and the towns which surround are examples of what still can be when thoughtful actions are taken to retain what makes this region desirable. Restraint in development may seem counterintuitive however, I know for certain I visit these areas because of what they still are. Carbon sequestration and habitat preservation provide trickle down benefits that can't be over stated. I support the FS denying expansion while ensuring the developed recreation continues to offer amazing opportunities for a variety of skill level and seasonal enjoyment.

Unnecessary especially so near a Wilderness are (Jedidah). This area is home to some of the last surviving wolverines. Secondly the surrounding infra structure (highways, housing) will not uphold this reckless endeavor.

PLEASE say no to this expansion. Teton Valley Id cannot take the impacts from more, more, more at Grand Targhee. It will ruin the character of our sweet valley even more than the increased tourism is now. All of my friends children have left, no affordable place to rent or live and I could go on and on. Just say no! Thank you!

I do not want to see Grand Targhee grow at the expense of Teton County ID or the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

We have been coming to this area since the 90's. We bought our 2nd home in the early 2006 and never looked back. What makes the valley stellar is the peacefulness, animal life, unaffected and no obstructed views and sheer beauty. It's what we call our Happy Place. We have all enjoyed skiing Targhee through the years for the reasons above. Hiking and other outdoor sports r all inclusive. Can't imagine looking at the Valley and viewing anything but awe inspiring beauty. Knowing life changed to line the pockets of a few all in the name of growth is a crime. KEEP TARGHEE REAL 

This is ridiculous. Stop the expansion into some of the most prestine and untouched western wilderness.

This development needs public land and investment to come to fruition. The land belongs to the people of these communities. I am opposed to further development of this type.

Have been coming to Targhee since 1983. I stand with the citizens of Teton Valley and feel that Targhee is a wonderful ski area as is, and unique in it's own way. Any expansion will greatly harm wildlife and the esthetic an uniqueness of Targhee. No resteraunts are needed "on" the mountain. Keep this developement in the base area only.

Keep our common lands wild and free, uncontaminated from the filth of the incursion and enclosure of profiteering plunderers!

please no

Please don't expand the resort. Teton Valley, Idaho is already struggling with labor and housing shortages. The valley infrastructure likely couldn't handle all the incoming tourists and added wear and tear. Idaho will shoulder the brunt of the expansion, not Wyoming.

Enough is enough! Over-development is destroying wildlife habitat, air quality, and dark skies. More traffic, noise pollution, higher property taxes, \$200 lift tickets is NOT welcome in our community.

Grand Teton National Park is an important wilderness to maintain and protect. With wild places disappearing all around the world, it's vital now more than ever to defend the natural spaces we have left.

There are too many problems with the proposed Targhee expansion. I am especially concerned with the impacts it will have in Teton County, ID, without any benefits of taxes.

I urge you not to permit expanded development at Targhee.

Please do not allow Grand Targhee Resort to expand beyond it's present borders. And donot allow the construction of a mountain top restaurant which will disintegrate the dark skies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem

This is not good for the community and only good for the developer
Keep the wilderness wild!

The beauty of Grand Targhee Resort is it's a slice of heaven. It's unique compared to the other ski resorts because Grand Targhee has a small, quaint vibe and that what keeps people coming back (along with good

snow, great staff and intermediate terrain). In addition, Teton County, Idaho, does not receive revenue from Grand Targhee's operations. Rather Teton County, Idaho will carry the burden on our municipal and financial resources (i.e., waste management, emergency services, roads, housing). These are major hurdles that need to be addressed before an expansion of Grand Targhee is even considered. Please do not accept an expansion of

Grand Targhee. Thank you for your time.
Please stop the Grand Targhee expansion.

Please stop expansion so animals have places to live.

"Until Wyoming builds a new road to Grand Targhee from your side of the mountain, you Wyoming people should have no say in this decision!!! The huge impact is solely on Idaho!

You have already ruined Teton Valley, Wyoming. Let us decide the direction we want to go!!"

We are already dealing with too much growth in our valley, we want it to stay small and rural.

Please use your position to save irreplaceable land and habitat

More expansion only benefits the developers and owners of the resort .
Please do not allow this expansion to happen.

Currently business model keeps the resort affordable. An expansion would turn it into another Jackson Hole! Look over the pass and see how that valley turned out. Only the rich benefited.

Please don't destroy this beautiful place!

Please protect our fragile ecosystem!!

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Please don't sacrifice our home to provide tourist a good time!! Let them go somewhere else that's already ruined!

This is the only home I've ever known. Please don't allow the need for increased revenue to spoil this great treasure of ours!

No

We don't need any more development in the Targhee area. We value the Teton view as it is. It will be marred by new development. Say NO to the Targhee expansion.

It is important that Targhee recognizes the impact it has on the surrounding ecosystems and municipalities. The expansion proposed combined with the the complete absence of any community outreach shows clearly that there is no intention on Targhee's behalf to be a steward to this valley and that their interest lies solely in private gain made off public land. In short, it is gross, irresponsible, and reckless behavior.

Will create too much traffic at Driggs airport
leave Targee the way it is

Protect nature! Stop commercializing and expanding efforts that decrease the natural world as it is meant to be for the enjoyment of everyone.

Recent changes at Targhee have not been positive changes for locals. Prices have gone up dramatically, the parking lot isn't large enough to handle demand, base area lodges are too small. Locals cannot afford Targhee daily lift ticket prices nor the food prices. The area is crowded with skiers using their free Mountain Collective, EPIC, IKON passes etc. No more expansion on the mountain allowed until parking and base area issues are addressed. I don't think Targhee management/ownership wants the local day trip skier any more. Please don't further ruin Targhee for Idahoans.

NO EXPANSION!!

We don't want Jackson's bastardization here.

It is cancerous

. No Expansion!

We don't need to see all the new lifts that they are planing on adding on to Targhee. There are already eight groomers up there and you can see them from anywhere in the valley.If there is an expansion then there will be more groomers.

I agree that Grand Targhee should be kept within reasonable limits. I think a lot of other community members would be interested in signing this petition if it was made more publicly aware.

No Targhee Expansion please.

Keep rural, rural

Mr. Bolling, please think this through. Targhee has not even built everything allowed in the 1994 EIS, now he wants even more. This will destroy Teton Valley Idaho and price us--everyone who is not a millionaire--out of the valley. Please do not allow a larger SUP nor mountain-top restaurants.

The USFS should be committed to providing quality recreational opportunities for all income levels on the lands it manages—there is already a high-end experience available in the area at JHMR.

Why would the Forest Service take a precious piece of public land wildlife habitat and give it away, just so a few people can make money!? Grand Targhee expansion is not in the public interest and must be denied!

Supported Targhee for 37 years, but NO to the expansion.

This expansion plan is the worst idea ever for people and wildlife who live here. Jordy Gilkette is a money monger

All about money at the cost of natural forest and wildlife Do the right thing

NO to the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort and NO to the proposed mountain-top restaurants.

The expansion of Targhee resort moves forward despite a realistic and sustainable plan for roads, traffic, safety etc... the only access to the resort is already clogged with traffic and disrupts our precious wildlife. To encroach more to build 'cabins' and restaurants is reckless. The question of who reaps the proceeds - Wyoming or Idaho - is the least relevant issue. The issue is who/what claims the biggest negative impact and that is our national forest, the wildlife and the residents of Teton Valley Idaho. There are so many unresolved challenges , including sustainable housing etc...This project is about the greed of a few and not intended for the better many or the community as a whole .

Thank you for considering all opinions. I love Grand Targhee and want it to be successful but believe that within its boundaries there is plenty of room for smart profitable growth. They will be successful when they stay special.

No More Growth!!!

Without sufficient mitigation, residents of Teton County, Idaho, will bear disproportionate adverse impacts associated with the Proposed Action. I am concerned about our roads, burdens on our first responders, property values, and other socioeconomic impacts that may not be adequately addressed in the EIS.

No more Targhee Expansion

Protect the Southwest corner of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem wildlife habitat.

Don't allow more expansion! It is unnecessary and will ruin the canyon, portions of Jed Smith Wilderness, and GTNP.

We want access to free public land and protected wildlife habitat. Targhee is big enough.

So few pristine watersheds still exist. This is a terrible idea.

This is one of very few remaining, pristine watersheds. Don't destroy it.

Wild spaces are what make Teton valley the incredible place it is. Reducing human impacts should be the first priority for land management.

The value of a relatively undisturbed habitat far outweighs that of a larger ski area.

Living right along Hwy 33, I have seen increased congestion and safety concerns in the corridor. The current pace of development coupled with housing issues is alarming. Please keep this beautiful "quiet side of the Tetons" the community we know and love.

I believe Targhee does not need to expand.

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I am opposed to expanding Grand Targhee. I am concerned for the wildlife and potential wildfire impact. I am concerned about the impact on the communities down the hill. Currently there is not sufficient infrastructure to support expansion. Additional growth creates the need for more schools, housing, fire-sheriff-emergency response, etc. all of which falls on the property tax payers.

Protect the wilderness characteristics that would be impacted by the nearby Jedediah Smith, and keep the incredible backcountry terrain and experience intact.

We have some big issues that need to be taken care of before anymore expansion. Number 1 on the list: overtourism and all the problems it has caused as well as how expensive it is for anyone to live & work in their own communities anymore. These are 2 big problems that need to be resolved, not added too.

"Caribou-Targhee National Forest

Grand Targhee Master Plan
Public Comment
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Dear Jay Pence and Mel Bolling;

I am opposed to Grand Targhee's proposed expansion into Teton Canyon. I oppose privatizing Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

This is not a "boundary adjustment" it is a major expansion into sensitive habitat. A massive incursion into the domain of the Northern Goshawk, Bighorn Sheep and countless other sensitive species.

The public skis here now without destructive environmental impacts.

This proposal will effectively close the area to the public and eliminate critical habitat.

The demonstrated Winter use in this area is lift assisted backcountry skiing. The demonstrated need is for the use to continue.

There is no demonstrated need for bulldozers, backhoes and bucketloaders gouging the landscape and chainsaws felling forest homes to carve out critical wildlife habitat for sun crusted, moguls and "on mountain" dining in avalanche runouts. Closed to the public.

If realized; the "south bowls" lifts will be seen from the Grand Teton and loudly heard from the Jedediah Smith Wilderness. Grand Teton National National Park should also object to this aberration under D.O. # 41.

Where are Targhee Bighorn Sheep supposed to winter? The cliffy south face of Teton Canyon is priceless habitat. I have seen Grizzly Bear, Bighorn Sheep, Moose, Long Eared Owl, Northern Goshawk, Sharp Shinned Hawk, migrating Warblers, Wolverine, Pine Marten and many other species on the South slopes of Peaked and Mary's Nipple. Families of black bear are gorging on chokecherry right now. NEPA and an EIS will confirm this proposed environmental disaster.

I recommend Grand Targhee stays within its boundaries. "The North boundary" is a good aspect for a new lift. How about a lift on Mary's? Mill Creek is already heavily impacted with roads and damage.

Skiing is changing. South facing, lift skiing is not widely accepted. (In Northern Hemisphere) Don't unnecessarily give away this irreplaceable habitat for a percentage of crusty groomer's lift tickets. This Public land is too important. Please withdraw consideration of Grand Taghee's proposal in Teton Canyon.

Sincerely,
Gregory G Collins"

Man's salvation lies in wilderness. Please protect it.

Please protect wilderness

Dear Mr. Bolling. No expansion required. There is support by the public. The GYE is sacred and must be spared from additional development. NO increase in homosapien visits!

Please protect our dark skies, wildfire safety, and the character of our region

As a 42 year resident of Teton Valley, I have seen a lot of changes, esp. in the last 3 years as the Covid pandemic produced an exegesis of city refugees to healthy mountain communities like ours. I have skied at Grand Targhee on the mountain and nordic ski trails since 1981, but now you cannot find any parking up there unless you arrive really early on a powder day. A small group of us fought the land exchange back in the 1980s and 1990s, as Citizens for Teton Valley. We were able to reduce the size of the exchange from 200 to 120 acres, but the camel had gotten its nose under the tent...Now we are seeing the start of real estate development up there, delayed for 15 years, and the outrageous grasping for more ski lifts and runs and amenities like ridgetop restaurants on public lands. Please, just say NO!!!

Once it is gone, it will never come back. Don't think about this year or next but think about the generations to follow and how they can enjoy a pristine, remote wilderness.

Please protect our forest and serve Teton Valley Community by saying no to Targhee Expansion.

There's already shady goings on with the most recent Cabin approvals at Targhee. They clearly don't care about anything but profits. Slow this process down and make sure you understand all of the ways they say they are being responsible, but actually aren't.

"I beg you to stop this unnecessary expansion into undeveloped areas of the western slope of the Tetons. The Idaho towns can barely handle the pressure as it stands and are totally unprepared for the damage that this expansion would create.

Thank you for your consideration."

No expansion of the permit boundary, No mountain top restaurant on Fred's Mt., No expanded snowmaking.

This expansion has been unethical since the initial land swap. The Tetons are a small range, and I do not support any further encroachment on this delicate, wild and magical land. I implore you to restrict any further expansion to Grand Targhee Resort. Enough is enough...

I'd love to help STOP the Targhee expansion.

Please say no to the expansion of Grand Targhee Resort. As a community within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, we have a great responsibility to protect the land and the wildlife that calls it home. Teton Valley is currently experiencing a housing crisis. This expansion would pave the way for even more people to swoop in and buy up what's left of homes and land, with no intention of living here, driving up prices even further, and sending local residents packing, because we won't be able to afford to stay. And we do not have the funds to support the impact that the expansion would bring to our community's infrastructure.

"I am opposed to plans to expand the Grand Targhee Ski Resort for many reasons. Two key reasons are:

1. The preservation of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is important to all of us. Grand Targhee sits in the southwest corner of this region and its expansion would negatively impact the Teton Canyon area. The Forest Service should protect wild places along the edge of Greater Yellowstone and promote compatible recreation opportunities for all the public, not just downhill skiers.

2. I live in Driggs, Idaho and cherish the small town atmosphere. The rapid development that Driggs is experiencing is frightening. I don't want to see Driggs become like numerous Rocky Mountain ski towns that have seen massive development and loss of character. The expansion of Grand Targhee would be an enormous accelerant of growth in Teton Valley."

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I love the easy going nature of this valley; The pristine wilderness of Teton canyon; and the low-key vibes of a small town feel. Even as a homeowner, I do not want the expansion to happen because I don't want this place to become like Jackson. I am well aware that my property value can sky rocket, but it is more important to me that our valley grows for everyone and not just the few. Please say no to the Targhee expansion

No ski area expansion has created net positive impacts on a community. Not in Colorado, Utah, Montana or California etc. Wyoming is not immune to the negative results of growth. Don't be so short sighted...remember you can't un-ring a bell.

NO to expansion. One Vail, CO is enough!

NO expansion

I am a longtime resident who has worked in Teton County, ID many years ago. I also recreate , socialize and sometimes shop On both sides of the Tetons. I deeply mourn the loss of quality of life and natural resources created by development and uncontrolled growth.

The Cons FAR outnumber the Pros with this expansion. Please day NO and save out sacred, and cherished lands and wildlife from further destruction and abuse. Thank You!

Keep rural, rural - please keep the National Forest and nearby Jedediah Smith Wilderness and Teton Canyon wild by not expanding the already great ski resort further. This is one of the last places like this - please preserve it rather than making it another commodity developed ski destination of which there are already hundreds. It is one of the last best places in the world. Please save it!

I believe that targhee should not expand because it would stress and scare the animals away, as well as destroy their habitat. It might also throw the ecosystem out of balance.

1989 I was involved with CTV. We successfully stopped the development. Several of us Went to Washing to meet with our senators and representatives expressing our thoughts.

I am firmly opposed to a Fred's Mt. top restaurant and any lifts in the South bowl area.

So many head shaking reasons to stop the growth in the Teton Range. Listen to the voices that care for the hills.

"The Forest Service/ USDA has a mandate to manage Targhee National Forest in the best interests of the public and to weigh the impact of their decisions specifically on the local environment and community. Teton Canyon wildlife is already stressed by the ever increasing popularity of this region. Teton County Idaho will bear the financial and social burden of accommodating any future expansion without the mitigating promises of increased public revenue. The winners, as always, will be the ultra wealthy and the corporate entities who will invariably end up owning Grand Targhee. The losers will be the wildlife and people of Teton Valley. As a native of Teton County Wy who is well into my seventh decade of living in the Tetons: I have an objective record of the consequences of public land policy. Please use your authority to limit Grand Targhee's ability to exploit public land (my land) for private profit.

No Targhee increase of current size. Our valley is overcrowded as it is. The wildlife is also being greatly affected by the ski hill! No More!

Yes, we need to protect this corner of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Teton Valley already cannot support the rapid growth high end condominiums, duplexes, high end homes built on sensitive lands that are mostly needed for the wildlife. Thousands of loyal Targhee locals will be the losers while one man overrides the system and wins. Please, no expansion beyond the current SUP, no mountain or hilltop restaurants and controlled responsible development of the base amenities.

Please do NOT approve the Targhee expansion! I have been a Victor local for 20 years and have seen SO much growth and change already. Our sacred, small, familystyle ski area does not need to be a part of this growth...Please keep it real, do not approve! Thank you!!!

Mr. Bolling, more work is needed to refine and reduce the amount of expansion at the Grand Targhee Resort.

The FS's duty is to protect the public interest, not the financial interests of a few people seeking to profit from excessive recreational development of our national forests.

The resort should not expand into Teton Canyon or put up structures that interfere with the view of the Tetons from the east or west. These have been concerns voiced by local citizens for many years. The USFS should respect the historic and current value of both the canyon and the scenic view for all citizens. Thank you.

Please don't destroy Driggs, ID

Teton Canyon is a treasure and must be protected for both summer and winter recreation and wildlife.

The Targhee Vibe is real. Further expansion and building up of "luxury" amenities ruins the culture that has developed over the decades. Also, the area cannot support further expansion. For instance, lack of parking. Targhee is perfect where it is at.

Targhee is perfect the way it is. Don't ruin one of the best ski resorts around and turn it into what skiers from other ski resorts are complaining about their resorts. High prices, long lift lines, heavy traffic. They come from all over to ski Targhee the way it is. Targhee is a gem. Teton Valley is a gem. Leave it be. There is no need to disturb the wildlife.

Responsible expansion. Stop exploiting the valley.
My mother and I have lived here since 1962. Mom doesn't have email so I am including her with me. We are both property owners in Teton Valley.

We have been fighting for years to keep Targhee resort for very good reasons. Idaho gets all the growth problems while Wyoming gets all the profits

Besides wanting to keep GT the size it is the biggest reason I'm against expansion is that all the infrastructure such as road maintenance and plowing , fire fighting etc fall on the State of Idaho which will get none of the tax benefits from the resort. If people want to ski a bigger, fancier resort that already exists at JH resort in Wyoming. What make GT the awesome resort it is , is it's size AS IT IS!

Please do not expand outside of Targhee's existing boundaries to protect wildlife habitat and to preserve the peace and solitude of the undeveloped area.

Enough is enough. Teton Canyon needs preserved.

Don't kill the Targhee vibe with greed!

"I realize this must be a hard decision. I hope that the existing homeowners of the Alta community and Teton County Idaho will have their voices heard. Are you prioritizing the resort and its short term guests over homeowners or tenants in the local communities in Wyoming, Teton County, Idaho?

What resources should be in place before any development occurs? Is it dangerous to have thousands of people at the resort without a back up evacuation plan, no existing fire protection at the resort what is the carrying capacity of ski hill road and at the excess speeds that continue to rise?

Wyoming has promoted dark skies. Why would you consider ruining that for the entire valley by allowing on mountain restaurants. The sunset

reflection in my neighbors home is bright enough to need sunglasses. The base level restaurants have worked for years. It only takes minutes to get to the bottom of the mountain.

I would hope that you would or have spent time in this valley to appreciate the enormous impact that we are facing. Not to mention our potential water and wildlife impacts.

Do we want to preserve a unique valley or do we want to be like any other ski resort town. Please, please please responsible development. Infrastructure and resources in place for the valley before we overload it anymore.

I live right beneath Grand Targhee & i do not want this expansion either. Thank you for starting this petition. Hold the line!!!

"Please protect our water, views, wildlife, Teton Canyon & our little Alta community"

I want to help plan for the future of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, preserving dark skies, livable communities and safe wildlife.

Please don't allow Targhee to expand into additional wilderness areas. Please don't destroy this area. We want to preserve the wildness of the forests for the animals that live there. Too many elk, sheep, bears, etc will be displaced if you approve this expansion. Keep our area wild.

My husband and I live in Teton Valley, Idaho and love it so much for it's rural charm, natural beauty, dark skies and so much more. We love to ski at Grand Targhee and it already has plenty of terrain, especially with the new lift. Expanding the resort will change it's character completely, cater to the rich tourists and not the locals, negatively impact the wildlife whose home it has always been, create even more serious housing issues than

we have already, cost the taxpayers of Idaho more money to keep up the roads, and many more issues that will negatively affect our small valley. And all of that with the tax revenue going to Wyoming! Please, please, please say no to this ridiculous, environmentally disastrous and senseless expansion. Thank you

No expansion or at least very limited...no thing that can further disrupt wildlife or quality of life.

I am against the expansion At Grand Targhee Ski Resort

Please do not allow further expansion of the ski area on forest land as it belongs to ALLLL of us. It's enough of letting the rich in this country garner special favor just because they are the wealthy. A restaurant at the top of the ski area will assuredly change the resort forever. It is now a very unique ski area without being the same as all the other mega resorts the customer base appreciates this and I would bet would rather pay more for tickets to avoid crowds and commercialisation. When people admire the Tetons from the "view corridor" in Idaho the last thing we need to see is a structure dangling mountain side in front of the range. And if you somehow mistakenly allow this then at the very least DO NOT allow night time usage in an effort to avoid glaring beacons of light. Let's go in the right direction finally. We are losing sooo much public land in this world now please do not contribute to this loss.

So many head shaking reasons to stop the growth in the Teton Range. Listen to the voices that care for the hills.

The Grand Targhee Expansion Plan should not be approved. The proposed action will only benefit Targhee, not the wildlife, vegetation, nor the communities in Idaho and Wyoming.

I have been skiing at Targhee since December 1970. Targhee has become a much less desirable place to ski over the past few years. It's is certainly no longer the go-to place for Idaho residents. Each day the slopes and

parking lots are made more crowded by those skiing for free on their Mountain Collective and/or IKON passes. Lift ticket prices have increased to the point that it's not affordable for skiers without one of those passes or a Targhee season pass. Food prices in Targhee's restaurants have escalated as well. The food is not a good value. And, those who bring sack lunches are treated like freeloaders. Long time local Targhee skiers aren't appreciated or really wanted. Targhee seems to want to be another Vail or Deer Valley. Stop the development until parking keeps up with the demand.

I am opposed to expansion of Grand Targhee. There is not enough infrastructure in Teton Valley to support the proposed expansion. Teton Canyon is a sacred canyon for wildlife and nature and must remain sacred and untouched. Those of us in Idaho should not have to support the infrastructure for a tax base in Wyoming.

I am opposed to further expansion of Grand Targhee. Idaho should not have to cover the infrastructure for a Wyoming tax base. And, most importantly, Teton Canyon is a sacred and special area for nature and wildlife and absolutely needs to be protected. We do not need or want a hilltop restaurant. Targhee is special because it is small and should not be expanded to a Colorado type resort.

Quit destroying nature and our National Forest

The proposed expansion will have long-term repercussions on wildlife populations and surrounding communities. Please prevent this from moving forward.

Mountain Operations

Stop

There needs to be areas of Idaho where it stays pristine and not dotted with buildings. Idaho is too great to not have space for nature, animals, and enjoying the great outdoors.

There are many reasons to stop this but the first for me, is the already out of control airport traffic at the Driggs Airport. That airport is too close to homes, schools and downtown Driggs for the existing traffic. More, which this expansion will create will make Driggs unbearable for those of us who live here already.

Though I am not a resident of the county, the Teton area has been my favorite place on earth since I was a child. As a life long Idaho resident I see nothing good that will come out of this for the residents and wildlife of the area.

"Perfect example of why the wealth gap in this country continues to widen. Wealth and the drive to become wealthier should not take rights from the middle class and below on our public lands. There needs to be a balance and the gall to just say NO to the bigger ask. I love to ski Targhee and I have for almost 30 years. I accept the growth that has already happened and has previously been approved but it is enough. As I spend time on the West slope of the Tetons I am already sickened by the massive scare visible under the Colter lift. Why is that not being restored? Imagine the impact to the view with a mountaintop restaurant? The entire community's, including Alta residents, rights must be considered: wildlife, hunters, hikers, Teton County Idaho taxpayers, and those working hard in this valley trying to raise families and afford to live here."

Our commissioners should continue to fight this! We do not have the highway infrastructure to support this. The commute is horrible throughout the year but especially now with the added tourist traffic. The forest service should not allow extra acreage in and around a wilderness area. If there is an EIS study it should take into account that endangered wolverines have been spotted on this side of the mountain. This is a terrible idea spawned by greedy ski resort leasees. It will not benefit the

people that live/work here and only be a detriment for humans as well as flora and fauna.....

To big for our valley. Impact on emergency services and infrastructure is to much. We have 2 stoplights and no state money for road widening and turn lanes, let alone more traffic signals. Teton canyon would be impacted severely! Keep Teton canyon pristine!!

Please stop tearing up the wilderness for human expansion. It's perfect the way it is.

Targhee, first developed and paid for by local ranchers was meant to be used by locals with one lift. (Like Blizzard Mountain) Unfortunately it was sold to Jordie G. Instead of giving it back to the community that built it. Now we have lost control and his decisions have made a negative impact on the local residents and wildlife and nature. I am totally opposed to further expansion of this resort that is open year around now thanks to mountain biking. Hasn't anyone noticed the drastic decrease in amount of wildlife. Increase in noise and light pollution due to all the increased activity. We will end up with a large commercial airport, more overuse for recreation of the Tetons and you will loose the remaining ranchers who played a large role in conserving the this important part of the greater Yellowstone ecosystem. This is very sad and I am convinced that Jordie already got the green light for this from Washington behind closed doors and like the last expansion.....the widespread community opposition did not matter, the request by the Forrest service for our input was just for show and the decision to grant the expansion was already made. Stop this madness and stop the expansion!!!! These Forrest's belong to the people, not money grabbing greasy arrogant self centered resort owners. Enough is enough!

Please say no to this expansion. The reasons are evident and I don't need to reiterate.

Keep the valley special!!! No Aspen bs. Keep locals local!!!

The recent expansion is ENOUGH. Any additional boundary expansion will negatively affect wildlife, traffic, and the peaceful ambiance of Teton canyon.

"Please do not destroy more habitat and bring even more people to an overcrowded mountain range

Every mountain town with a ski resort has been destroyed. I've been watching this in the Rockies for 50 years now, done only in the interest of greed!!!"

Targhee CAN NOT handle the restaurants they have now. Lack of responsible help, huge turnover, employees not showing up or showing up hung over or stoned. Current restaurants are totally worn out and they don't want to invest any money in improving them, so Why are they wanting to add more, it will be the same story over again.

Traffic and parking problems already. We do. Not support expansion .

No to Targhee expansion

Slow down.

The South Bowel West is a very very bad idea!. It will impact the whole Grand Teton area. In addition Grand Targhee's business plan could easily fail by making Targhee too expensive for the community and the major customer base in Eastern Idaho from Idaho Falls, Pocatello etc. This would leave Targhee and the area of Driggs faced with road costs, pollution, loss of what makes Driggs area great with any taxes going to Wyoming not Idaho. Bad idea!

No expansion necessary

I visit every year, and want to move out here. I am not interested in living in an area that puts profits over people. This is not the Teton Valley I have come to know and love.

I do not think that Targhee should be expanded. South bowl and mono trees are important habitats for bighorn sheep, mule deer and elk. Also expanding the ski resort will increase the amount of users and ruin how special this once "small town" resort was. Grand Targhee is the last ski resort in the area that people can come to and see their neighbors on the chairlift, make connections with people in town and feel like they belong whether they are wearing an Arcteryx ski jacket or a Walmart ski jacket. Expanding the resort is not only a threat to wildlife but will increase congestion on the road and in the town of Driggs, decrease parking that is available to skiers and create a huge fire hazard, as the road up to Targhee is the only way in and out of the resort. Please don't turn Grand Targhee into a Jackson hole or Vail. This is a special place that is worth protecting and keeping it small will help us do that.

Let's keep Teton Valley quiet!

Please keep Targhee small!

Targhee truly feels like our last home ski resort. We drive over as a family from Moose in the winters for the chill vibe, the great snow, the LOCALS, the good food and music and the fun...expanding the resort will ruin that. Why do we have to be aiming for growth all the time? Can't wait keep a good thing going as is?

Any expansion into south bowl is a crying shame. That area should be preserved for the health of the wildlife, flora, fauna, water system, and people. It should also be free from development for the pure joy of the

peace and solitude of nature. Please limit any expansion to Targhee's existing boundaries.

Aside from the valley view of the restaurant, it will be visible from the JS Wilderness (e.g. Green Lakes etc) as well. That is total B.S.! Gillette was born into unbridled capitalism and has no intention of keeping Targhee as a non-destination, local centric resort. He has no clue what Targhee Vibe actually is. He has consistently snubbed T.V. Idaho in expansion hearings so he is not a friend of Alta, WY or Teton Valley, ID. G.T. needs to become community owned.

The forest service does not need to give 660 acres to the resort for development! Wolverines were spotted on trail cameras 2 years ago.. Help keep our community safe for humans and animals. <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/11/29/climate/wolverines-endangered-species-act.html>

No more wilderness land for grand targhee

For all of the resources our community has given to Targhee, nothing is returned. Expansion would lead to higher risk of injury, which in turn will put strain on our little hospital and singular ambulance. I was born and raised in Teton County and I am seeing more and more every year that visitor's experience is put on a higher pedestal than resident's and wildlife's livability.

Targhee is the right size now. Expansion will threaten the local quality of life as well as wildlife habitat and wilderness values. This is a no-brainer to say no.

Please don't let this go in. I can already see 8 lights up at Targhee all night long. The roads cannot hold all of the cars, trucks, equipment. The National Forest will get a lot of clear cutting, disturbances to many animals .

This expansion has very little benefit for Idaho residents. It also has a huge impact on areas that are important ecologically

This proposed expansion would destroy the integrity of Teton Valley and have devastating environmental impacts. As I resident of this area, I oppose this expansion.

I am not from Idaho/Wyoming but LOVE the old(er) school vibe at Targhee and oppose this expansion to keep that intact and (even more so) to respect the surrounding wildlife habitat and ecosystems.

No further development

Enough is enough!

Keep Teton Valley rural