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Comments: My opinion and comments on the Draft EIS for the Grand Targhee (GT) development project

It is irresponsible to continue with the GT master development plan before addressing the ongoing parking problem at Grand Targhee Resort. Currently, parking is problematic and most days by late morning there is limited parking. On powder days the lots are full by 10:00am and the road is bumper to bumper stop and go for miles until a parking space opens. The population is growing in our area, and Grand Targhee is a Mountain Collective resort, so each year skier visitations increase. The proposed development will only generate more skiers. Address the parking issue first, then consider more development.

No on Mono Trees: Currently this is pristine pine forest and wildlife habitat at lower elevation (8452'--7400': <1,000' vertical drop). This should not be developed for at least 3 reasons: 1) The man-made scars on the hill will be seen for Driggs and the north valley (and visible from where I live on 5000N, 1100E). This will forever further damage our pristine views of the Tetons. 2) The climate is warming. Will the base of Mono Trees (~7400' vs ~8000 at Shoshone lift) store enough snow for a ski season? 3) How will the loss of the pine forest and the Whitebark Pine high-elevation conifer (an essential component of the natural ecosystem) affect the current habitat at Mono Trees? Has the USFS adequately studied that?

Yes on South Bowl - Agreed and will add additional expert and advanced skiing. Avalanche control will be an issue.

No on Crazy Horse lift: Probably not part of the EIS but a worthy mention of wasted disturbance. I have skied GT since 1985 and an additional lift in this area is not necessary. The area is easily accessed from Dreamcatcher and part of Ghee experience to navigate back to the base; many paths and not a problem. This new lift will put more skiers on the hill, cause more congestion on the summit, and take away from the Targhee experience we all have enjoyed for decades.

No North Boundary Lift (NBL): This is a total waste with unnecessary disturbance through a pristine aspen forest. The area is easily accessed by the Blackfoot Lift, and the NBL will not add that much additional vertical (~400' additional vertical on the west end).

Restaurants - Restrooms

Two restaurants are overkill. One at Blackfoot is sufficient.

Additional restrooms that have toilets and washrooms are required at the base of Coulter Lift and Blackfoot Lift.

No more pit toilets or johnny on the spots.