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Comments: Dear Jay Pence and Forest Service decision makers,

My name is Dana Joslyn and I am a resident of Teton Valley, Idaho. I am a skier who loves to ski at Grand Targhee, just the way it is. Targhee is what brought my husband and me to Teton Valley, coming from Salt Lake City, Utah, where we do not ski anymore because of the crowds and traffic.

We are also hikers and cross country skiers who have been recreating in Teton Canyon for 25 years. We love the solitude and the wildlife. In section 2.3.3 of the EIS it states that , if approved, "Due to the nature of terrain in the South bowl area, proposed trails in South Bowl would require heavy machinery to create well-defined and smooth skiable surfaces. Rock blasting would also be employed as necessary within certain proposed project areas to remove rock outcroppings". Rock outcroppings are where the Bighorn sheep live, these would be destroyed?! Heavy equipment and blasting would totally destroy the existing peace and beauty of this irreplaceable treasure. Wildlife would leave. It would change this wonderful place forever. A few weeks ago we were hiking in Teton Canyon and had the amazing experience of seeing a mother bear, and her cubs run up a tree. This was close to the trailhead, so in an area that would be greatly negatively affected by the destructive work that would have to happen to do the expansion in this area. Do you think these bears would stay around with all the noise that would be created? It was stated that work would begin upon approval of the expansion and last for 10 years. Ten years is a very long time. Last summer there was construction of a new home that included a large excavation in our neighborhood. The dump trucks doing the excavation drove up and down the road past our house every weekday all summer. It was extremely intrusive to the enjoyment of our privacy and our land. Before this we had frequent sightings of moose, deer, fox and bear. Last summer we had almost no wildlife, and this summer they have not returned. It was also stated in 2.3.4 that to install the lifts, parts would be transported via roads or helicopters. The noise from helicopters would further scare away the wildlife as well as create a great deal of noise pollution. Use of the equipment involved, vehicles and helicopters, would also create a large amount of pollution from their emissions. Building lifts in the South Bowl would be the most cruel thing that could happen to the wildlife, and to those of us who love the peace and quiet of our beloved Teton Canyon! In addition, those who backcountry ski would lose the special terrain they have loved for so long. The expansion to this area takes our public lands away from the public and reserve them only for those who choose and can afford a ski pass. Who would all of this benefit? Geordie Gillette. This is wrong. I skied 68 days in the 24/25 season. There were only a very few days when parking was an issue and the lines over 5 minutes. The resort is already big enough to spread out all of the skiers, even on the busiest days. There is not the demand for the additional terrain which is proposed in the expansion plan. This expansion is not skier motivated, it is money motivated, it is greed. I highly oppose the expansion into additional forest service land, and particularly the South Bowl.

I ask you to please oppose the expansion into additional federal lands. Please care about the wildlife, please care about the many residents of Teton Valley, please do the right thing for the future of nature and the generations to come

Thank you, sincerely, Dana Joslyn