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Subject: FW: Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects
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For the project analysis. Thank you.

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From: Amy Cutting (b) (5)
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Pence, Jay -FS <jay.pence@usda.gov>
Subject: Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects

Dear Mr. Bolling:

We are writing to voice our objections to many elements of the proposed GTR Master Development Plan Projects. As long time visitors to the Teton Valley and now local residents, we feel strongly that impacts resulting from the scale of this proposed project threaten both the human and natural resources of our communities, as well as the very quality and character of life that make the Idaho side of the Tetons so special.

In the past 5 or so years, we have seen a significant increase in traffic, overcrowding on hiking/skiing trails and trailheads, and a “hot” real estate market that make affordable housing impossible for young families and essential workers. None of these are the fault of Grand Targhee Resort. Even without additional development of GTR, we expect this trend to continue. But the grandiose expansion plans proposed by GTR ownership demonstrate a strategy that relies on exploitation of public lands that may actually reduce—rather than enhance—access for locals and visitors, and overwhelm the resources of the local community

All over the region, including in our former home of Salt Lake City, there are examples of the destruction of the very quality of life people seek in underdeveloped areas when growth is unchecked—especially when the target of that growth is so often an exclusive slice of the public we’ve come to refer to as the “top one percent.” It sickens us to think that Idaho’s Teton Valley will go the same way.

We urge you to deny approval of the plans outlined in the “Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects” and send GTR owners back to the drawing board to propose something on a more human scale. Thank you.

Amy & Bill Cutting

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Sent from my iPad