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I filled out my remarks but I am not certain that they went through so I am making a second attempt.

This is in regards to Grand Targhee's expansion plan. We have skied Targhee since it opened and we are season pass holders. We love Targhee as it is. The expansion on the current footprint would be acceptable but expanding to become a "destination resort" is not acceptable or practical from an environmental or community perspective. The plan appears to extend to Teton Canyon. This is a sacred place where we have seen numerous moose, deer and other wild life. Additional lifts and massive amounts of people would seriously encroach on their habitat. Grand Targhee is special because it is NOT a destination resort. For those who want a big resort, they can go to Jackson or Sun Valley or any one of several resorts in UT and CO. Big Sky was ruined by the mega mansions dotting the hill.

Driggs does not have the infrastructure to support a destination resort. An expanded resort would stress the air and water quality of Teton Valley. The road system is not capable of handling the traffic of a destination resort. I70 in CO and the canyon roads in UT cannot even accommodate the traffic! It often takes 3 hours to go from Denver to Summit County, a trip that should only take 1.5 hours. Affordable housing is not available for employees to support such an expansion. Also, the dark skies need to be preserved. At what point is enough enough?

There are plenty of large scale resorts available for those who prefer the Après ski life and a "destination" resort. Due to weather patterns, Targhee has great snow but often poor visibility. It isn't the best option for recreational skiers. In addition, the "family" atmosphere will be lost with a large scale resort.

Thank you for considering our thoughts,  
Bruce and Rolonda Bjornson