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Comments: I disagree on the expansion of Grand Targhee Resort's Special Use Permit on the grounds of resort management and wildlife conservation. To date the resort has never been able to staff the number of people necessary for managing the operation and this kind of expansion would stretch existing capacity to fulfill their already existing responsibilities to staff, guests and land for a safe and sustainable operation. Second, Teton Canyon is a wildlife byway that backs up to the Grand Teton National Park's boundary. Animals, migration and use need to be protected and managed with the utmost consideration for the existing habitat. Given how wildlife travel and the weather conditions of the area, the back country use is already a game of jeopardy on the limited days with perfect conditions. Opening up this terrain for regular use will place expert and non-expert users at risk on a regularly basis-an annual occurrence in the neighboring side country the resort. The quality of life for wildlife must immediate follow and in some cases precede the safety of recreation and ensure that the reasons for why the Tetons remain an international destination, a place worth traveling to, and a champion of conservation. Animals do not the park boundaries and travel where they have for a millenia-we will ultimately be disturbing the very reasons we choose to visit and live in this unique ecosystem.