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Comments: To whom it may concern:

I am writing to strongly oppose the expansion into Teton Canyon. I have been skiing at Targhee for many years. My wife grew up here and has skied at Targhee since she was a small child. I came later, after we were married, and we have built many family memories in this area. I love and respect this mountain and am saddened to see so little regard for the valuable wilderness we have been given in this proposal. These changes may bring additional money (even that is no guarantee), but they will absolutely destroy what we have worked so hard to protect. I am not convinced that we have the demand to fill the capacity this expansion would add. If we are hoping to create demand by building, then serious environmental repercussions are all but inevitable. Additional changes in town will be the domino effect, not to mention the risk of building for demand that never materializes and leaving destruction where wilderness used to reign.

Chiefly, wildlife habitats and migration routes will be impacted, light and noise pollution will fill the skies, and infrastructure expansion will leave scars on the land.

There are enough overcrowded resorts. Targhee's charm is in its simplicity and purity. Please do not proceed with the expansion. Over time, the path of responsible stewardship will bring more value and rewards.

Thank you,

Edoardo Guerra