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Comments: On the one hand, I think it is exciting that the resort plans to expand. I hope that the expansion will help to increase the economy in Teton Valley. On the other hand, I am concerned that the expansion will seriously change the way of life in Teton Valley and damage the environment.

I think that the organization needs to partner with Driggs, Tetonian and Victor to help address the serious housing shortage. Grand Targhee should help these communities to provide inexpensive housing for those who will work at Grand Targhee. In other words, Grand Targhee should not operate just to make money, but as a member of the community. It should be concerned that its workers not only survive but thrive. It should be concerned for its workers' life. Workers at the resort should be encouraged not to be transient, but to make the valley their home. However in order for that to happen these workers will need to be offered a living wage and affordable housing. It will not help the valley if it simply has more transients. What the valley needs is more people who want to live here.

I am also very concerned about the effect the expansion of Grand Targhee will have on the environment. The resort must make every effort to avoid light pollution. I have been in Jackson Hole at night, and it does seem that they do a pretty good job of keeping the lights down. But is there more that can be done in order to keep the beauty of the night in Teton Valley. The resort must also make every effort to find ways to limit the amount of traffic on Ski Hill Road. The resort should support an increase in public transportation both for the workers at the resort and its guests. I agree with a recent letter in the newspaper that expressed fear that Ski Hill Road will no longer be safe for bikers and runners once the resort is expanded. Perhaps the road will need to be widened in some places and perhaps the speed limit will need to be reduced. Also, the animal life along Ski Hill Road is abundant. People traveling to the resort need to respect the wildlife and enjoy their presence as part of their time in the Valley. Rushing up the hill should not be allowed.