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Comments: I'm writing to oppose the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Ski Resort into the drainage of our crown jewel, Teton Canyon. Jackson Hole has Grand Teton National Park to represent it's "crown jewel". The closest thing we have in Teton Valley is Teton Canyon. It is sacred. The existence of a mechanized ski resort along with explosive demolitions for avalanche control would have an adverse effect on wildlife and humans recreating in what once used to be a peaceful environment.

Also, the terrain being proposed for expansion is highly dangerous in terms of avalanches. I have had two friends get avalanched there and they were just lucky that the avalanches they were in lost force before they were swept over cliffs.

There is much work to be done by the resort before they should even consider that expansion. They still haven't built a lift that they have had permission to build for years now, on Peaked Pk. They need to expand the parking lot.

Those are my main points, but a more thorough critique of their plan is offered by Kirsten Robbe in her guest editorial of September 16, 2020 in the Jackson Hole News and Guide:

https://www.jhnewsandguide.com/opinion/guest_shot/targhee-could-improve-user-experience-without-expanding/article_9e33d41c-9c09-5cbf-a2b6-973c18ef422d.html.

Please, preserve our most valuable resource, Teton Canyon