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Comments: Dear USFS,

I am opposed to the Expansion of Grand Targhee into Teton Canyon. It would be OK to expand in the current area and build lifts up Peaked Mtn, but I am opposed to lifts on the South Facing terrain in Teton Canyon. It does not hold snow and would impact the Bighorns Sheep and Owl population there.

The Scope of Analysis should take into consideration and analyze growth of backcountry skiing and snowboarding. Vs flatline of alpine skier (baby boomers are getting old)

- Number of skiers per day that could be added without expansion
- analyze impacts to Bighorn Sheep in Teton Canyon
- # of days per year the South bowl area will actually be skiable in thirty years.

Impacts of climate change on above

- # of Great Grey Owls that would be displaced by Mono trees

- # of trees that will be cut down for South Bowl and Mono Trees area

- Noise and visual impacts in the nearby wilderness over the number of years it takes to put in three ski lifts in South Bowl

- Air pollution from many cars backed up at single traffic light in Victor and Driggs.

- Impacts of excess traffic over Teton Pass and Ski hill Road. Impacts to cyclists

- Skier densities at GTR compared to neighboring resorts

- Look at new skiers at GTR as a result of joining Mt. collective this year. We should request that draft eis be held up till this data is obtained

Both of the last two bullet points question the purpose and need to expand.

Analyze lights on mt from proposed restaurant, night skiing, and excess snowmaking. Loss of dark skies in Teton Valley is unacceptable.

Please Consider these in your Scope.

Thank You

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