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Comments: While initially excited about the Grand Targhee proposed expansion, I have many concerns after reviewing the details of the proposal.

The proposal is missing parking infrastructure improvements and improved public transportation plans for getting people to and from the mountain, as there is a lack of sufficient parking in the current state of affairs, especially on weekends and powder days. If you can get to the mountain on those days, once you're skiing on the hill there is still room on the slopes for more people, although they are more crowded than they used to be. Adding the additional lifts in the current SUP area should help spread people out further and absorb the anticipated increased use of GTR. I agree that there needs to be more food and beverage facilities on the mountain, but I'm against adding any that would be visible from Teton Valley, especially at night; I can often see the Dreamcatcher lift from afar.

If improvements are made on Peaked Mountain so that regular lift ticket and pass holders can ski there and the cat skiing is pushed onto the south bowl, that takes away public land and makes it private, for use by those people with more money. My understanding was that the cat skiing on Peaked would cease once the new lift was put in on Peaked, but the plan would move it to the south bowl, which would make more of an impact on Teton Canyon, especially with the noise from avalanche mitigation and the visible proposed roadway for the cat to be able to climb back up with the guests. The road would also be visible in the summer.

The plan is also missing how the increased traffic in Teton Valley will be addressed. How will the resort help improve and maintain safe road conditions with the anticipated increased traffic? Also, how will the resort that is located in Wyoming, but claims to be the first to open in Idaho, support the Idaho infrastructure that would be required to support these improvements?

I am opposed to expansion into Teton Canyon. Between the negative visual impacts that the expansion will have, the bombing that will have to occur to mitigate avalanche hazards, the fact that the area will already have less snow since it's on a south facing slope, and the number of wildlife that utilize that area for their winter range, I can't find a reason to support including this area into the "boundary adjustment" of the SUP. By the way, where is the winter range overlay on the Scoping Figure 6 proposed boundary map?

While the idea of the Mono Trees expansion sounds good: "This lift would provide a quality skiing experience on the north- and east- facing slopes of Lightning Peak during periods when the upper mountain experiences poor visibility, high winds, or other weather factors", how will the typical lack of snow at lower elevations allow this to come to fruition, especially with rapid climate change and no proposed snow making in that part of the mountain? It is also in the Visual Quality Maintenance area, to which I'm against any improvements that will be visible from Teton Canyon.

I tried to look at the Proposed Winter Projects, but can't open it for some reason. On the Existing and Proposed Snowmaking map, the Nordic ski trails and Fat bike trails are missing. Where will the Nordic trail expansion be on the map? It mentions that there will be improvements on private land. Where and how? Who will be giving permission for these trails to be built? And what guarantee will we have that they will remain open as long as GTR has a SUP to operate?

As for the proposed summer projects, most of them appear to be in the current SUP area and match the current trail development that has happened in recent years. The main thing that I'm opposed to are the new roads or upgrading existing roads both the current SUP area and in the proposed SUP areas due to potential increased dust, negative visual impact, and potential impact on wildlife.

Thank you for your time and consideration of my comments.