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Comments: As a long time Park City local and current land owner in Driggs, I oppose the expansion of Grand Targhee. I have seen first hand how bigger is not better. When Vail and Alterra came in and purchased our ski resorts, the footprint of our town and our community was forever changed. Traffic, congestion, and a full blown housing crisis quickly followed. We have also been faced with a mass migration of people in the last six months due to the "safety of a mountain town." If the Forest Service issues these permits for expansion, Teton Valley will not be anywhere close to what it is today. Ask yourself, "What is our goal?" There are certain benefits to growth and expansion. I am a small business owner and have reaped some financial benefit from growth. However, the changes to our community and local culture is something I would not want given any amount of money. With an average home price of \$2million, if I did not own an "affordable housing" unit, I would be priced out of here in a minute. This is the story of Park City. Why am I going down this track? This story will quickly repeat itself in your valley if this expansion and potential resort transfer to a huge corporation follows. Housing prices will sky rocket. Local workers will have to commute far distances to get to their jobs adding to a massive traffic problem. You will have environmental impacts with air pollution, light pollution, clear cutting for new runs, more traffic will equal more road kill and the list will go on and on. Think about your community and what you want the future of your valley to be. If this expansion is given the green light, you cannot go back. Your community and your valley will be forever changed. I have seen first hand the damage this has done and it is not pretty or something I would wish on any mountain community.

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