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Grand Targhee should complete what is already approved on the mountain and determine what impact that is having or will have on the environment and community at large before being given permission to do more.

We recommend Project #58258 be delayed so the region can absorb and assess 1) the impact of Grand Targhee's plans to put 200 plus residences at 8,000 feet and 2) the installation of the first major new lift at Grand Targhee in almost 20 years.

Let Grand Targhee come back to the Forest Service with this proposal after the region has experienced and seen the outcome of Grand Targhee's implementation of the existing approved plans to expand. To ask for further expansion now seems premature as Grand Targhee does not have a proven track record against which the public can judge their performance. Moreover, there are many significant areas of concern that Grand Targhee, together with the Forest Service and Teton County, need to address in connection with both existing and proposed expansion plans to the satisfaction of the public. The following issues need to be given the careful consideration and the priority they deserve:

Water: Drinking water contamination to the Alta and Driggs Culinary water systems. Teton Creek is the main drainage from Teton Canyon and more roads, lifts, bike trails will cause pollution into Miles and Mill Creeks and thus also have a negative effect on Teton Creek and Teton River. There are similar reasons for not encroaching on South Leigh Canyon and the watershed in that area.

Vistas and Dark Skies: As written, the plan interferes with the vista of Grand Teton National Park from over 25% of the 360 degree view. It destroys the vista from Huckleberry Trail, and interferes with the views in Teton Canyon from directions looking North, in the Jedediah Smith Wilderness Area.

Wildlife

Back Country conflicts

Parking

Grazing rights

Traffic and Safety: Wyoming and Idaho are unable to provide the personnel needed to patrol our streets and we continually see motorists ignoring the speed limits and traveling at excessive speeds endangering people and wildlife.

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