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Comments: Before Grand Targhee resort (GTR) is granted an expansion to include two areas known as the Lightening Trees and South Bowl in Teton Canyon it needs to complete enhancing the existing infrastructure which is already inadequate for the existing resort users. The parking facilities are inadequate. The road to and from the resort is a slow moving parking lot on big days. The shuttle for the employees and skiers who would like to leave their cars in Driggs are trapped in the line with everyone else and often late for work.

There was a lift approved for Peaked in 1994 which has never been built. This would add 602 acres of minimally maintained lift-service terrain and would improve skier circulation across the mountain. GTR could also remodel Teewinot, Targhee and Sioux lodging to make it modern to remain a competitive destination and at the same time keep some of the unique small resort feel that has always made Grand Targhee special.

The "South Bowl" is already open to backcountry skiers and snowboarders who are more comparable with the wildlife in the area than more lifts, cars and people. What is the time frame for the proposed lifts? 25 years like the approved but never built lift on Peaked? If the cat operation is moved there until the lifts are built it will be an area off bounds for the general public. Cat skiing is very expensive.

The workers. Where will they come from and where will they live? Housing has always been expensive and in short supply in Teton Valley, Idaho. There is a new boom going on right now which will only make it worse.

How will the environmental impact be mitigated with all of the new construction of buildings and lifts, use of water for snow making and energy use?

No matter what some people believe we are experiencing a climate collapse. Our winters and snowpack will only become more erratic in the future.

No matter what proposals are examined we need more time. This needs to be done with clear thought.