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Dear Mel Bolling, c/o Jay Pence:

Re: Grand Targhee Master Development Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinions regarding the GTR expansion. I have lived in the area for over 50 years. I have taught my children and grandchildren how to ski on the resort. It is a very cherished place for our family. After skiing all over the nation, Targhee is my family's favorite resort. The reason Targhee is so precious to our family and community is not because of the shiny gondola, the zip-line, or the over-priced restaurant at the top of the mountain. The reasons we love Targhee are the family feel it exudes, the lack of crowds, the excellent snow, the beauty of the mountain and being able to enjoy skiing without the bells and whistles which are really just expensive distractions.

My family and I, strongly OPPOSE the building of any new restaurants. We are especially in OPPOSITION of any restaurant being built at the top of Fred's. This seems more of a ploy to make money and attract tourists. Please don't turn this valley into Jackson.

We do strongly OPPOSE the dramatic expansions to the terrain, when 1/3rd of your approved terrain is still undeveloped. Why not work on this before pushing further into National Forest. With the growth of rural areas (especially in Wyoming and Idaho) we need be stewards of our forests and our environment. Pushing further into national forest boundaries, when our wilderness is already being threatened by rural sprawl is not only greedy but it's irresponsible and unforgiveable.

This proposal gives my family and I very grave concerns regarding the mission and future of Grand Targhee. We are worried that the focus is more on money making and tourist attraction then providing a reputable, sustainable ski resort that we can be proud to call our home resort. I plead to you, please don't ruin our ski resort, our community and our home by creating this monstrosity.