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Comments: To the administrators of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest:

I am writing to comment on the scoping of the EIS for the Grand Targhee Master Development Plan.

Although I live in Salt Lake City, I regularly visit the Driggs/Victor area and Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) and am disturbed to hear that GTR is seeking permission to expand its resort into the sensitive and beautiful Teton Canyon area. I don't see any reason for the resort to expand its boundaries, particularly since I understand they are not fully using their existing acreage as they have room in the existing area to add two additional lifts. In addition, allowing GTR to build a restaurant facility at the top of the resort will create an eyesore that will be seen by people who seek to enjoy the surrounding wilderness areas and the west side of Grand Teton National Park.

Allowing GTR to expand its footprint all seems to be part of a strategy to turn the resort, and thus the towns within the greater Teton Valley into a world-class ski destination. This would be a shame as it would ruin the quality of life and dramatically increase the cost of living for the local residents.

I urge the USFS to reject the GTR Master Plan as currently submitted and limit any future development of GTR to its existing boundaries.

Sincerely,

Bill Rice