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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Mel Bolling and District Manager Jay Pence:

The plans for expanding Grand Targhee are in fact grand and very ambitious. I feel local governments in the surrounding towns should be consulted since these communities are the ones that will be most affected by future development. My concerns include water usage and increased traffic.

Another major concern is the impact of this plan on wildlife who has no voice. Bighorn sheep, already a diminished herd, will lose their grazing territory. Lynx and moose populations will also be affected. Teton Canyon cannot handle more animal population and the animals will be driven there. The cutting down of so many trees will affect the migratory birds we so welcome in the Valley and trees are so important for global warming.

Backcountry skiers will suffer as their terrain will be taken over by the project. They do less harm to the surrounding area than a developed ski area.

Parking is already a problem at Targhee and of course must be addressed as the plan would increase skiers threefold.

The South Bowl part of the plan is the most threatening to the character of Teton Valley.

Thank you for your serious consideration.

Sincerely, Gerald Aronowitz