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RE: Comments on Grand Targhee Resort Scoping Document and Proposed Expansion #2

Thank you for the extension to October 16 for comments. There were a lot of anxious moments for me and others with the blocked access on Monday.

The more I think about the totality of the impacts of the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort (GTR), the more I know it has to be shrunk by at least 90 percent of what they propose.

Clearly GTR and SE Group planned to launch their Scoping Document in late summer, when many of Targhee's regulars would probably not hear about it. Folks are working too hard during the summer to offer horseback rides, or guided fishing trips, or getting crops in and out of the ground. I continue to run into locals that have heard nothing about the proposed expansion and their jaws drop when I paint them a picture.

We in the West have enough of the very large, glitzy ski areas[mdash]Vail, Breckenridge, Park City[mdash]the list is long. We in Teton County Idaho don't want to be added to that list.

Further, the very idea of Teton County Wyoming and the State of Wyoming foisting unknown and unforeseen burdensome taxes on us here in Teton County Idaho is just wrong. Essentially, it is "taxation without representation."

As this process progresses, I ask that the next steps to be announced will be a fairly substantive list of studies that will identify the costs to Teton County Idaho and to the State of Idaho. We, the public, should be allowed to comment on the scopes of work for these studies and possibly have some say in which consulting groups are selected to conduct them.