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Comments: Dear USFS/JHMR,

I attended the informational/question and answer session open to the public on July 13, 2023 at the Bridger-Teton National Forest Headquarters, 340 N Cache St, Jackson, WY 83001, and found the session helpful. Thank you to Todd Stiles, BTNF Jackson District Ranger, and Mary Kate Buckley, President of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort, along with their respective staff members, for that opportunity.

As stated, the "Project proposal" is to: "replace Sublette lift; construct and modify ski runs, traverses, terrain parks, and visitor-service facilities; develop summer recreation opportunities; avalanche control infrastructure; fuels reduction."

Although both USFS and JHMR staff addressed my concerns at the info session, I still have ongoing concerns resulting directly from the proposed projects such as:

- impacts to wildlife;
- impacts to flora, especially whitebark pine;
- impacts to the local community in terms of increased infrastructure stress due to more traffic/airport congestion, increased commute times, increased housing costs, and thus an overall further lowering of the local quality of life for the average Jackson Hole employee;
- increased carbon emissions contributing to climate change; and
- impacts from climate change, e.g. increased white pine blister rust and mountain pine beetles.

I understand the desire and need to replace and improve already existing infrastructure. What I do NOT understand is the request for additional ski runs, traverses, terrain parks, etc. What is driving this request other than greed for additional revenue? Do JHMR shareholders not make enough profits as things are? What is the cost to the environment along with further incremental increases to climate change if this request is approved? When is what we already have enough?

Expansion of commercial activities in existing and into new USFS areas is not inevitable. The American people have a right to object to increased commercial activities in USFS areas.

For all the reasons stated above, I respectfully hereby object to any part of this project that increases already existing commercial activities at JHMR.