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Comments: I have some objections to the proposed improvements at Jackson Hole Mt. Resort. In regard to the realignment of the Sublette chair. This is a good idea for a safer evacuation and the need for an upgrade of an old chair. That said, making this addition of a high-speed chair will greatly increase the number of skiers on the terrain this serves. A six-person chair would overload the terrain available. This would also increase the number of people accessing the out of bounds terrain and invite more people with less skill and training in uncontrolled avalanche terrain.

Hoback improvements proposed would be an attractive nuisance. The addition of groomed terrain in and out of an area that has been labelled for years as "unmarked hazards exist" would just encourage less skilled skiers to access an area that is expert terrain only. If people are in over their heads and use the access to leave, this proposal creates two problems. 1. Most folks won't decide they are in over their heads until well after the cutoff back to the Sublette lift. 2. People that decide early have a probability of following the grooming until they get to Cheyenne gully and then follow the gully down into cliffs that are closed in all but the biggest snow years. There is an exit for folks that have a high skill level, but the kind of skiers and riders that would be pulled into this terrain would necessitate rescue.

The Alta chutes are another problematic part of this proposal. The Chutes are expert only. Even with tree and rock removal, they are experts only with consequences below the chutes. Alta 1's current status discourages all but the best skiers. With summer grooming of this run it would become an attractive nuisance and a slide for life situation for anyone with less than expert abilities. This currently happens at Tower 3 chute at least a few times per year. Dumbing down the skill it takes to navigate this Chute does nothing to mitigate slide for life potential and a high propensity for significant injury of the person sliding and the people in Laramie bowl. Alta 2, without the removal of significant rock is even more dangerous than Alta 1. This Chute is some of the most consequential inbounds terrain at JHMR. A fall at the top will result in sliding over rocks, perhaps cliffs and trees at the bottom after significant acceleration. Making access to these two areas easier would be irresponsible to guests and staff.

JHMR has a unique product in the forest service quiver of ski areas. Significant improvement has been done to make the areas farther north near Casper lift and over to Apres Vous more accessible to intermediate skiers. The nature of the proposals near the Alta Chutes and the Hobacks would forever change the unique characteristics of JHMR that made it the world class destination that it is.