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Comments: Dear Todd Stiles,

I have two major concerns with the Recreation Enhancement projects, the first is the potential increased traffic on Highway #390 and the plans for thinning on the Ski area's southern boundary. The traffic concerns are year round but particularly in the summer when few people can ride the Start Bus. Without any expansion, we already have congestion and overcrowding. It's no longer easy to make an evening (or daytime) commitment in town or on the West Bank if one has to travel from town to for example, the Music Festival or from the West Bank to Jackson.

Highway #390 leading to Teton Village is basically a dead end road with a town/community bordering iconic Grand Teton National Park . It's the wrong place to concentrate growth in the Valley. The town of Wilson was once a coveted location but is quickly becoming a hard place to live if one has to travel to work. This is and will impact employees at Teton Village and throughout the valley. We need public transportation year round before growing the ski area.

My second concern is the proposed thinning when such practices remain controversial, fire scientists clearly disagree on the benefits and or risks of larger fires due to forest thinning. I hope we will have the chance to comment on the impacts to wildlife on these public lands managed for private owners.