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Comments: I understand that mountain "improvements" are part of typical ski area operations. However, the proposal to alter the Alta Chutes go beyond typical improvements and instead would forever change legendary terrain and key test pieces that are highly visible, well maintained and relatively safe. To "mellow out" this terrain so that lesser ability individuals can ski/ride it seems ridiculous when the overwhelming majority of the mountain is already accessible to those individuals.

Similarly, the proposal to cut a trail through the densely forested North Woods would forever alter and diminish the last great stretch of north facing glades. This terrain provides an experience unlike no other within the readily accessible resort boundary. To destroy this experience so that lesser ability individuals can take an alternate route if unsure of skiing/riding the Hobacks is just plain ridiculous. Not to mention the major environmental impact of tree clearing and earthwork in this pristine area of the mountain.

In summary, Jackson Hole is truly a mountain with terrain like no other. Many skiers and riders of all backgrounds and income brackets flock to this mountain to enjoy the steep and challenging terrain and test their skills. To forever change the mountain in these area to further attract the luxury intermediate resort crowd is counter intuitive and shortsighted. The negative environmental impacts alone should be strongly considered as a reason enough to deny these proposed alterations.