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Comments: First of all, I would like to say that I find the public comment period of this project deeply troubling as it was not announced very publicly and was also announced during the height of summer when many of the dedicated stakeholders of this area are hard at work during the height of their season without the energy to comment on a place they treasure very much. The public comment period is also extremely short and by all means should be extended. I simply find this as attempt by Jackson Hole Mountain Resort as a method to minimize resistance to their plans. I find this downright insulting that the Forest Service would not see through this attempt for what it is.

There is no doubt that the Sublette chairlift should be replaced but needs to maintain minimal disturbance to the area as this area is prime habitat for bear, marmot, mule deer, and several other species.

The scoping letter is absolutely contrasting itself by stating that today's skier market is of lower ability but then states that the resort would like to increase terrain park features which are just as dangerous if not more than natural obstacles. The Alta chutes should completely be left natural as changing them would not attract new skiers but would detract from the very reason why people come to ski the resort. We as a a community would actually lose business and what makes this place special. People would just see this as another resort and would have no other reason to chose JHMR over Breckenridge, Keystone, Copper Mountain, Park City or some other generic skiing experience. In addition, areas such as the Alta Chutes are prime habitat for bears, marmots, pikas, mule deer, and other such animals. The altering of these runs for the so-called majority of skiers is beyond a mistake and should be completely ruled out. This place is to be preserved as part of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. It's on the freaking border of Grand Teton National Park! You should be ashamed of yourself for even considering these accommodations.

Fires should be allowed to burn naturally as we have learned that is the true best method of fire management. Burning the forests for rich homeowners and condo guests is unacceptable.

The expansion of the Via Ferrata and event spaces shows that JHMR is just trying to further itself as an amusement center and not as a true partner of the Bridger Teton National Forest and Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

JHMR needs to go back to the drawing board and come up with a new plan that represents the true interests of the integral stakeholders (residents, animals, caretakers of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, Grand Teton National Park, and Bridger Teton National Forests) and not of the billionaire board members trying to score a few more bucks off of unsuspecting visitors so they can ultimately sell the resort and line their pockets even deeper.

These "enhancements" are deeply troubling and our true community should be concerned