

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/28/2025 4:46:22 PM

First name: Robert

Last name: Rowen

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Once land is lost to development, it is rarely if ever regained. This area must preserve its natural beauty and natural attributes - the quality of life and wilderness experience that is loved by everyone. This includes natural quiet, natural vistas and natural darkness. Accordingly, the resort should be absolutely prohibited from expanding, at all, into Teton canyon. No part of the resort should be visible or heard - at day or at night -- from Teton Canyon and its surrounding high shelves -- or from other areas that are currently free from such exposure. Accordingly, any expansion of the resort should be restricted essentially to its existing footprint on public land, and should be restricted so as to prohibit any further noise or light pollution materially beyond current levels.

Rick's Basin is one of the very few areas near Teton Valley that is readily accessible for high-elevation touring involving low and moderate slopes. Accordingly, it should be preserved for nonmotorized and non-lift-served recreation. It is my favorite area to tour on fishscale skis, which sport has more room for expansion than lift-served skiing.