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Comments: I formally object to the draft EIS for the expansion of Grand Targhee.

During the scoping period for the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee, substantial environmental problems were identified by the public. I am concerned by two of these:

1. the effect on mountain Sheep and
2. problems caused by the hydrology at the site.

The public has been very clear that they support the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's efforts to prevent the loss of the small herd of sheep in the Teton Range. Most sheep herds are altitudinal migrants that descent to low elevations where there is less snow. The only place that they still do this in the Teton Range is in Teton Canyon. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department submitted a very thorough comment, with scientific data showing this. Teton Canyon is the core, critical habitat for sheep in the Teton Range. Game and Fish has been trying to improve winter range for the sheep with controlled burns in the area and plan more. The sheep migrate through the South Bowl and the Mono Trees. Often you can see sheep in the winter from the Teton Canyon Road. I was appalled to look at the DEIS and see that impacts to various animal species were mentioned but NOT mountain sheep.

I sent a detailed comment about the hydrological problems at the site. This included geological maps and scientific publications. The problems are that there is not enough water at the site for the proposed improvements and that it would be very difficult to dispose of sewage. This issue is NOT addressed in the DEIS.

Ignoring substantial environmental issues is not an acceptable way to address potentially very serious problems. This violates the National Environmental Policy Act. Unless these deficiencies in the DEIS are addressed, the public will certainly be successful in challenging the expansion in court.

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