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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I am writing today to oppose the Grand Targhee expansion.

I am an avid skier. I absolutely love Targhee. I experienced my first fluffy powder day there and I have tried to get back every time that I am able. I live on the east coast, but I visit Targhee, and the Wind River/Absarokas areas in the winter and the summer. It's an absolutely magical place.

After having looked at the plans myself and listened to concerns from locals, I believe that this expansion is not in the best interest of skiers, hikers, sportsman, and wildlife conservationists alike. It is clearly a move to get more traffic on the mountain and make more money for the owners of the resort. The project will be destructive to both critical wildlife habitat and the pristine views of the tetons. It will take away an area that is famous for its great backcountry skiing at a time when backcountry AT skiing is becoming more popular than resort skiing.

I just doesn't make sense from any other perspective than ownership gains.

Thank you very much for considering my letter. I know I'm from out of state, but I hope that you'll consider keeping this incredible area free from additional development from Targhee.

Thank you,

Matt