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Comments: I have two primary concerns regarding Grand Targhee's proposed plans: habitat/wildlife preservation and future population growth in Eastern Idaho and particularly in the Teton Valley.

If there is a compelling reason to prevent the resort from expanding beyond its present boundaries to preserve wildlife critical populations I would object to the resort's expansion, but after reviewing the DEIS and placing it in the context of existing human caused negative impacts on wildlife and their habitat surrounding Grand Targhee, I don't see the proposed expansion as significantly harmful to the native wildlife if mitigation procedures such as seasonal closures to human access are implemented when wildlife needs undisturbed use of certain areas. The existing use of the Grand Targhee side country by backcountry skiers has already conditioned the wildlife to avoid using the proposed expansion areas in winter. Bighorn sheep access to the salt lick should be adequate for their needs if development of the South Bowl occurs, but with human presence controlled in the non winter months.

I may have missed it, but I didn't see a timeline for when the actual expansion into the South Bowl and Mono Trees is planned to occur. Based on the roughly three decades it took for an approved lift (Colter) to be built on Peaked, what seems to be a lot of development based on current skier numbers may not seem so "massive", as some are calling it, ten or twenty years from now when the local skier population may also be "massive" compared to now. Population growth in the transportation corridor stretching from Pocatello to Jackson is projected to make this corridor resemble the heavily populated Wasatch Front by 2050. If this proves to be the case, resort crowding will be a significant issue and needs to be planned for now, which it appears Grand Targhee is doing by proposing more development than is currently needed, but which will definitely be needed as the regional population grows.

We live in a capitalist system so all businesses strive to grow. Grand Targhee shouldn't be criticized for behaving like all other businesses in wanting to grow its business. I think now that it has withdrawn its plans for expanding further east of the currently proposed South Bowl, Alternative 2 is sensible in both having a modest impact on wildlife while preparing the resort for the significant increased skier demand regional population growth will bring in the coming decades.