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Comments: As a long-time visitor to Teton Valley since 1980, it saddens me to see this proposed expansion to Grand Targhee. The ski resort will lose its charm and become just like all the rest, crowded, with long lift lines and terrible traffic congestion during ingress/egress. Importantly, the valley and mountains are a unique natural resource providing habitat for migrating cranes, large game animals and many other critters, plants and flowers. The environmental impacts of the proposed expansion will adversely impact these species. Further, the towns of Driggs, Victor and Tetonville will be forever changed - and not in a positive way.

The best alternative is NO expansion. If the U.S. Forest Service does grant a permit, then the next best alternative is one that would be focused and limited in acreage. Thank you for considering this alpine and backcountry skier's comment into the DEIS process.