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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

I am a concerned member of the greater Teton community voicing my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort onto protected federal lands.

?This expansion poses serious and lasting harm to both the environment and the well-being of local residents. Our public lands are not for sale, and we reject the creeping privatization of spaces that belong to all Americans. Turning these wild and scenic areas into private profit centers threatens the very qualities that make them special.

Community Impacts?The expansion will bring more traffic and congestion to our already overburdened roads, increase noise pollution, and lead to more air pollution in a region that prides itself on clean mountain air.

Additional second homes, vacation rentals, and seasonal workers, will increase the strain on our schools, hospital, and emergency services - especially the local fire department. With services already stretched thin, the added burden will inevitably lead to higher taxes/fees on local homeowners.

Environmental Harm?The fragile ecosystems in/around Targhee are already under pressure. An expansion would threaten the area's precious wildlife - from elk to eagles - and disrupt important habitat corridors. The impact will be felt all the way to the boundaries of Grand Teton National Park and into designated wilderness areas. Light pollution will further erode the dark night skies that locals and visitors alike cherish. These lands were set aside for conservation and public enjoyment, not commercial development.

As a community, we stand together in asking the Forest Service to soundly reject this short-sighted and damaging proposal. We must protect the integrity of our public lands and the values they represent - wildness, peace, and access for all.

Thank you for considering the voices of those who live here and care deeply about the future of this landscape.

Sincerely -

Cynthia Dietzmann