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Comments: Dear Forest Service Administration,

My wife and I oppose the expansion of Grand Targhee.

We bought our place in Teton Valley for many reasons. Skiing at Grand Targhee is one of them; we love the low key nature of the resort and the fact that is one of the few remaining resorts in the west that is affordable to us. It's also reasonably affordable for people with more limited income and therefore, the resort is more egalitarian in nature. We also liked the fact that property in the valley is still affordable, again, to both us and for people of more limited income. Prices for land, housing, services and other necessities will likely become unaffordable to many people in Teton Valley if the expansion is approved. It is already challenging for lower income households to survive in the valley. Please don't make it worse.

We also oppose expansion because of its impact on wildlife habitat. And the expansion could include night skiing which is in contradiction to the "dark skies" measures that many people and subdivision HOAs in the valley have implemented on their personal and collective properties to reduce the impact of unnatural light on bird navigation at night.

Finally, the expansion would negatively impact recreation in areas surrounding expanded resort boundaries, particularly in the sensitive Teton Canyon corridor.

For the sake of the local community and the natural environment, please do not allow this expansion go forward.

Thank you,

Brian and Karen Stevenson