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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

Please consider my comments in support of Alternative 1 (No action). If further development must occur, then I strongly recommend Alternative 3 (No Special Use area expansion). I am very opposed to expanding the resort boundary.

As a Victor resident, I greatly appreciate Targhee year-round. The ski experience is fantastic as is, however I understand the desire to add some improvements.

Alternative three makes the desirable improvements to the skier experience within the resort's existing footprint. The in-boundary amenities that seem appropriate:

1. A restaurant at the top of Sacajawea would alleviate crowded restaurants at the base.
2. Crazy Horse Lift: Uphill capacity could be increased.

Please deny:

1. A Ridgeline restaurant at the top of Dreamcatcher. It would disturb our dark skies and adjacent wilderness.
2. The proposed North Boundary Lift and on-mountain guest facilities in Rick's Basin. This would ruin a pristine multi-use area and require the thinning of a lovely aspen grove. This area feels so wild. Let's keep it that way!
3. The two expansions proposed in South Bowl and Mono Trees. A ski lift and road in the South Bowl would be visible from the three most popular wilderness hiking trails in Teton Canyon. This really changes the user experience. Currently, it is incredible to go a short distance from Driggs and not see human development. That is very special and unique in today's world. Let's really think before we allow that to be changed forever. In winter, hundreds of nordic skiers, dog walkers and snowshoers use Teton Canyon every week. They also should not need to see human development or hear loud bombs from avalanche control. Numerous species of wildlife would be greatly disturbed. Let's leave this place for wildlife- they need large, connected areas.

Thank you for considering my input. Targhee is a fantastic community resort with destination resort appeal already. That charm can be lost by a big buildout. The natural beauty and wildlife habitat are unsurpassed. Let's protect this land (especially the public land) and be very thoughtful about further development at the resort.