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Comments: First let me say that I have enjoyed skiing and mtb at Targhee over the years and it is one of the things I greatly appreciate about living here in Teton Valley. I am not "anti-Targhee"; I want the lifts to keep running.

I am, however, deeply concerned about the terrain and base area expansion for several reasons. One is the impact on wildlife, another aspect of life here that I greatly value.

The concern I want to focus on here is economic: how the expansion would negatively impact the local economy and especially housing.

According to the information Targhee has made public, the expansion would provide 166 Full Time Equivalent jobs at an average hourly wage of \$18.83, netting approx. \$2464/ month. These are poverty wages: seasonal jobs without benefits, people not putting down roots in the Valley and with no commitment to the community.

These seasonal employees would further incentivize short-term rentals, making it all the more difficult for year round people to find housing. Housing in the Valley will be further stressed by increased Targhee visitation from the expansion.

These seasonal employees won't have benefits including health insurance. Many may have to resort to the Food Pantry, competing with people who live here year round and effectively subsidizing Targhee.

Targhee is aware of that this expansion will exacerbate the housing shortage here in the Valley.

There are many other issues, reasons to be against the expansion in general, including traffic and the tax base issue across the state line. If I try to write out all my objections to the expansion, I will never get this finished and sent.

It seems to me that Geordie is selling out the Valley to real estate developers. There are just so many things wrong with this.