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Comments: As a long time user of GTR since 1978, I have some relevant comments and will make it short & sweet.

FIRST, I'd like to comment that the terrain commentary by Patrick Marmo was spot on (from 05/05/25). The "lifts" commentary couldn't be more accurate. I remember whey a big powder day involved getting to the upper parking lot 30 mins before lifts open and you had no issues. Now? You have to be up at GTR before 7am. Good luck to the late sleepers. The parking issue severely limits existing capacity. We all know how the ski industry has evolved. If you push back too hard, guess what? You got EPIC pass in town - and it's over without expansion. Come up with a no sell to Vail Resorts clause. That's what I'm most worried about.

SECOND: The Teton Valley AND GTR are at a crossroads of development, progress & expansion. The Valley will continue to be populated even with the subdivision guidelines growing to 5+ acres. Jackson is a disaster, Big Sky too. However, the ski area has to have some boundaries of it's own to keep what it has. How do they do that? They create an environment of exclusivity. You wanna ski here? You pay the price. Up the annual pass rates (really high) to make it prohibitive and unattractive? That won't go over too well.

The County needs to mitigate and effectively manage growth so that "existing" land/property owners are shielded from the costs of growth (call it grandfathered in). The resources of the valley will eventually come to a tipping point which is why it is important to have the money to avoid a disaster. Impact fees should be part of the roads issue.

My biggest concerns are:

Financial impact to County residents/land/property owners so they don't bear the cost of expansion.

Dark Skies: This has to be a major item. No night skiing whatsoever.

Wilderness: The impact on existing wilderness is not a major disaster, GTR will do everything they can to mitigate this.

Progress is inevitable, managing it as a partnership between all parties is extremely difficult for GTR based on it's unique position straddling two states. Just don't let this place become EPIC or ICON - then you can pack it in. The place has to remain attractive to the owners for them to keep it running the way they need to. Remember, service industry jobs and wages never built ski towns.