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Dear Targhee National Forest-

I support Alternative 1 (No action). If further development must occur, then I strongly choose Alternative 3 (No Special Use area expansion).

As a resident of the Big Hole Mountains, I greatly appreciate Targhee year-round. The ski experience is fantastic and our family has had season passes for 15 years.

Alternative three makes these improvements to the skier experience within the resort's existing footprint.

The in-boundary amenities that seem appropriate:

A restaurant at the top of Sacajawea

Crazy Horse Lift: Uphill capacity could be increased.

Please deny:

A ridgeline restaurant at the top of Dreamcatcher. It would disturb our dark skies and adjacent wilderness.

The proposed North Boundary Lift and on-mountain facilities in Rick's Basin. This would ruin a pristine multi-use area and require the thinning of a lovely aspen grove.

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 hiking trails in Teton Canyon and from peaks in Grand Teton National Park. In winter, hundreds of nordic skiers, dog walkers and snowshoers use Teton Canyon every week. They should not need to hear bombs from avalanche control. Numerous species of wildlife would be disturbed.

Thank you for considering my input. Quite a lot could also be achieved with improvements to the existing Framework at the base. We have been loyal customers for at least 15 years and season passholders because Targhee is not Jackson. We don't want that. Please keep Targhee a special local area for all of us by respecting the amazing environment of the Tetons.