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Comments: Expanding ski resorts beyond their current boundaries will cut off winter backcountry ski and snowshoe areas, as is the case with the Grand Targhee expansion plans. With winterscapes threatened by warming climate, we need to maintain access for a variety of winter recreation activities and not approve projects that will preclude other winter users in the future. I encourage support for Alternative 3 in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, which would allow improvements within the existing ski area boundary but not permit expansion-balancing access and conservation. Alternative 3 achieves this balance with modifications to reduce impacts on water resources, wildlife, white bark pine, and scenic viewsheds as proposed by Winter Wildlands Alliance, of which I am a member in California. I backcountry and Nordic ski around the west and thus the threat of shrinking snowscapes and winter recreation lands is something we face around the western United States. Access for all needs to be protected and no user group precluded due to ski resort expansion.