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Comments: Dear Kim Pierson, welcome down to the Caribou Targhee, and our Teton basin District.

I am in opposition to expanding Grand Targee Resort's boundary south and east!

I, and many of our community members commented, in opposition, during the original scoping comment period. These comments apply now, more than ever, to GTR's proposal. Required reading are the opposing comments by your cooperating agencies, Grand Teton, National Park, and Wyoming Game and Fish.

After GTR was granted its last expansion, Teton Valley lost its best snowmachine hill climbing area and its best telemark ski touring venue.

If this opposed expansion is granted, we will lose our best hunting area in WYG&F area 7 as well as the last lift assisted backcountry skiing on the Fred's Mountain massif. Lift assisted backcountry skiing is the demonstrated need in Peaked's SE bowl, upper Miles Creek.

This use of the forest needs to continue if the expansion is granted this use will be lost.

Several years ago, GTR finally built its summit lift, Colter lift, to the summit of Peaked mountain. Now they are asking for a second lift to the summit of Peaked Mountain. There is no room on the summit for a second terminal.

All special use arguments aside and first and foremost, the reason this proposed expansion will not be allowed; is that it will permanently change one of America's greatest national parks, Grand Teton National Park.

The expansion proposal is non-compliant with several National Park Service orders, including this one:

In and adjacent to parks, the Service will monitor human activities that generate noise that adversely affects park soundscapes, including noise caused by mechanical or electronic devices. The Service will take action to prevent or minimize all noise that through frequency, magnitude, or duration adversely affects the natural soundscape or other park resources or values,

GTR's proposed expansion is noncompliant with several other National Park Service regulations as well.

I recommend you record a decision of no boundary expansion south east towards the Jedidiah Wilderness area and Grand Teton National Park.

This will save Caribou Targhee National Forest and GTR a lot of litigation.

Thank you very much, sincerely

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