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Comments: As a compromise I urge you to opt for Alternative 3 regarding the Targhee Expansion. I feel there is no need for Targhee to expand outside its private area and such expansion would actually endanger wildlife, the environment, and our community. It would also violate the Wilderness Act of 1963.

I am a season pass holder at Targhee. One of the marvels of the area is that no matter how crowded the parking lots are, there are minimal if any lines at all. Targhee has not provided shuttle service during the week from the lower parking lots due to lack of employees. The problem would be exacerbated with expansion.

I live locally and Teton Canyon is a gem of Teton Valley. We value our public lands and would not want to sacrifice them to the Targhee Expansion. Habitat for grizzly bears, lynx, wolverines, big horn sheep, mule deer and several species of raptors would be fragmented or destroyed. Old growth and white bark pine forests would be damaged. Snowmaking and maintaining new restaurants would affect our already impacted watershed.

Idaho would bear the brunt of this expansion without any reward. Increased traffic, lack of housing and increased pressure on emergency services are just three examples of deleterious side effects to Teton Valley.

Lastly, the location of a new restaurant on top of the ski resort would spoil the view from Grand Teton National Park. I value the character of this community which must, against all odds, be maintained. Compromise is the way forward.