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Comments: I strongly support keeping Grand Targhee Resort within its current National Forest boundaries, not allowing its proposed expansion into adjacent acreage bordering the Jedediah Smith Wilderness Area. The environmental damage that would occur to this pristine and fragile area by construction equipment involved in building the roads, ski trails and lifts would be permanent and irreparable.

I, also, am very concerned about the socioeconomic consequences of this proposed expansion.

Living in Driggs, I have seen the explosive growth of a ski town in its infancy. The economic benefits of having a destination ski resort so close by would be a convincing argument in favor of growth if the resort and its subsequent tax revenues were in the same state. Teton County, Wyoming benefits greatly from this while Teton County, Idaho suffers the burden of paying for the infrastructure needed to accommodate this explosive growth.