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Comments: Dear Mr. Jay Pence and Mr. Bolling,

"Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects"

Concerns about water shed, wildlife, plants and flower destruction, and the destruction of a pristine winter undisturbed habitat.

We have lived in Driggs and skied for years at Grand Targhee. We hike the trails in and around Grand Targhee, and especially the valley that Grand Targhee wishes to develop. We are so fortunate to have these pristine lands available for wildlife, wildflowers, streams, and undisturbed terrain in around this area. Grand Targhee is special because it is a smaller ski resort and is still a very natural area. Grand Targhee has done a good job in making a great place to be, by not being too big and overdeveloped.

This plan now being proposed is going into areas that should never be developed. Having hiked the south side of Mary's Nipple and Table Mountain many times I have already seen the deterioration from the increased popularity of these areas in the summer. This is with access currently primarily hiking in three four or five miles uphill in the summertime. This is one of the most beautiful pristine areas in the United States and belongs to the people of the United States and needs to be preserved.

We have been a fortunate country to have set aside these areas of the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone. Together they represent one of the last U.S. wildlife areas. They are popular because of this. To encroach unnecessarily on this is unacceptable.

The new Colter ski lift gives those skiers, tourist, or summer mountain bikers a chance to see the Grand Tetons and the wilderness areas around Table Mountain in all of their natural splendor. These vistas are available without destroying the actual area with new roads, infrastructure and chair lifts. The owners of Grand Targhee have already obtained large areas that they can develop. They do not need more land!

The South Bowl West and South Bowl East and its connector with roads and lifts, are in the middle of this wilderness area. The recent new Colter chairlift is far enough into this area.

Please do not approve of this expansion of Grand Targhee!

We already have bike trails at Targhee and the Big Holes. We already have ski, cross country ski and snowshoe areas that are easily accessible. We already have a large resort in Jackson Hole. Grand Targhee should not be allowed to develop further into the south facing bowl. The wildlife is already under intense pressure. These areas are migratory areas for birds as well as other wild animals.

Please remember your major statement on your own website. The statement is true, "much of tourism is due to this spectacular wilderness area."

"Teton Basin Ranger District is the best of both states, located in Idaho and Wyoming. The Teton Range lures hikers and outdoor enthusiasts from all over the World to its majestic peaks and unspoiled wilderness areas.

We agree with your statement!

From those who have hiked here and seen how fragile this area is, please listen. No roads, no lifts, no

development in this area.

Sincerely
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