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Comments: I am opposed to Grand Targhee Resort expanding beyond its current boundaries, and am supportive of Alternative 3 with modifications to protect our public lands, particularly GTNP and the adjacent Wilderness area. Please refer to the original intent of the land swap that took place decades ago, which ultimately called for development and impacts on the private land in the 'Base Area,' while the adjoining public lands would stay public.

I'm also opposed to placing a restaurant on the very top of Fred's Mountain, which would negatively impact the adjacent Wilderness and views from Grand Teton National Park. If approved, this restaurant should be located below the ridgeline where it would not be visible from the Wilderness or GTNP or somewhere mid-mountain instead.

Regarding snowmaking and water issues, GTR should be required to protect the watershed and downstream water users. GTR should explore converting/recycling wastewater into snowmaking like the Yellowstone Club in Big Sky, MT has implemented. Innovative practices, including snowmaking, could also help replenish the aquifer in the Spring with the additional snow created as cover on the ski slopes.

GTR needs better connectivity and additional ski lifts, but doesn't need additional terrain. The land swap that occurred decades ago had the intent to place development and services on the private land in the Base Area, and not spread out impacts onto the adjoining public lands. Parking and traffic issues need to be addressed and studied further, and the safety and needs of Teton County, ID need to be placed above the financial needs of GTR and Wyoming.

The socioeconomic impacts to Teton County will also be massive and need to be addressed further. With the Base Area development on private land already entitled, adding more terrain through expansion will only accelerate growth and negative impacts to public lands users and Teton County, ID residents.

The following should also be taken into consideration with Alternative 3:

--Raptor/owl habitat

--Whitebark Pine habitat and protection (GTR should get certified as a 'Whitebark Pine Friendly Ski Area.') Ski resorts that have achieved this status include Sun Valley Resort, Whitefish, MT Bachelor, Yellowstone Club, Panorama, and Brundage. The DEIS needs to address and study this further.

--Wolverine/Big Horn Sheep habitat

--Grizzly Bear habitat

--Wintering Elk, specifically in Mono Trees and Teton Canyon

The needs and concerns of Idaho residents and wildlife need to be considered, and please take this into consideration when making a final decision. Thank you.