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Comments: I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed expansion of the Grand Targhee Resort onto public lands within the Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

This project would permanently alter irreplaceable backcountry terrain, wildlife habitat, and the quiet recreational experiences that public land users deeply value. The proposed development of lift-served skiing, new infrastructure, and increased use in areas like South Bowl, Mono Trees, and Lightning Ridge would threaten the integrity of wild places that many of us depend on for solitude, backcountry skiing, and a deep connection with nature.

This expansion is not about enhancing public access-it's about privatizing more of our public lands for the benefit of a for-profit corporation. The Forest Service has a duty to protect these lands for wildlife, future generations, and non-motorized recreation, not to commercialize every last ridge.

I urge you to adopt the "Conservation Alternative" proposed by Winter Wildlands Alliance and others, which protects critical wildlife corridors, limits unnecessary development, and maintains existing backcountry access. We need to defend the ecological and social values of these places-not trade them away for corporate gain.

Please do the right thing: reject the current Grand Targhee Resort expansion proposal and keep our public lands wild and free.