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Comments: I live in Driggs, west of Grand Targhee Resort. My family is a regular user of the resort and the surrounding wilderness area.

I strongly support Alternative 3 - "Keep Targhee Inbounds." Upgrading existing lifts and facilities may be appropriate, but any boundary expansion into South Bowl or Mono Trees is unjustified and would impose irreversible costs on wildlife, water, and the surrounding community.

Wildlife & Damp; habitat. Expansion would fragment secure habitat for grizzly bears, wolverines, Canada lynx, and Teton bighorn sheep, and disturb nesting territories for peregrine falcons and boreal owls. These impacts directly conflict with the Bridger-Teton Forest Plan and decades of successful conservation in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Traffic & DEIS lacks a comprehensive traffic study, yet even its limited data show that adding thousands more daily visitors would overwhelm Ski Hill Road, increasing winter collision risk and emergency-response times for Alta and Driggs residents.

Community services & Description (2, 4, 5) would strain already limited fire, EMS, and medical capacity and deepen our affordable-housing crisis, pushing workers farther from the valley.

Water & snowmaking. New withdrawals for expanded snowmaking would tap aquifers already stressed by agriculture and climate change; the DEIS provides no long-term water-availability analysis.

Visual & Discretational loss. Clear-cut ski runs and a mountaintop restaurant on Fred's Mountain would permanently scar the iconic Teton skyline, diminish backcountry access, and erode the quiet, small-town character that residents and visitors treasure.

Until the Forest Service completes rigorous studies on traffic, housing, water, and cumulative impacts-and demonstrates an overriding public benefit-boundary expansion should be denied. Alternative 3 meets the resort's stated need for modernization without privatizing additional public land or sacrificing the ecological and cultural values that define Teton Canyon for future generations.