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Comments: Dear Forest Service Administrator,

We adamantly oppose expansion of the SUP for Grand Targhee Resort. The proposed South Bowl SUP expansion would irreparably harm the scenic and recreational character and value of Teton Canyon while also disrupting critical, winter wildlife habitat. The proposed SUP expansion into the Mono Trees area needlessly disrupts critical habitat for the already threatened White Bark Pine.

We are also adamantly opposed to any increase in ridge-top development. A multi thousand square foot restaurant at the summit of Fred's mountain will significantly change the character of the four summit view from Teton Valley. I have been skiing Grand Targhee since the early 90's and have since purchased property and a home in Teton. Our view shed, along with our neighbors and those visiting the Valley, would be irreparably changed and diminished. The fact that the east boundary of Targhee abuts the JSW area, any ridge-top development would adversely affect the wilderness experience for those hiking, backpacking or climbing on the west slopes, summits and canyons of the range.

Any proposed night skiing operations would be in direct contradiction to the Dark Skies initiatives in Teton Valley, ID while also being in conflict with the Dark Skies certification recently awarded Teton County, WY. Night time activities and lighting would directly impact the view shed as well as wildlife in the area.

We are not opposed to the addition of the proposed North Boundary and Crazy Horse lifts within the existing SUP. The addition of those lifts can enhance the overall visitor experience at Targhee. In summary, we are supportive of a MODIFIED Alternative 3, but NOT including the ridge-top developments.

Thank you for your consideration.

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