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Comments: Hello. I would like to comment on the Grand Targhee DEIS. I am opposed to Grand Targhee Resort expanding beyond its current boundaries. I would support a modified version of alternative 3. I do not support restaurants or other large buildings on the top of Fred's Mountain or anywhere else that can be seen from Teton Valley. Lodges, restaurants and other buildings should be placed where they aren't an eyesore and a distraction from the scenic Tetons. This is a special area, within the Yellowstone ecosystem, and on the doorstep of the Jedediah Smith Wilderness, as such, special care should be taken to protect the view.

I was raised in Teton Valley. I have been on many hikes and picnics up Teton Canyon. Teton Canyon is a special place for a diverse number of recreationists and wildlife species. Diverse use of Teton Canyon, is the best use of Teton Canyon. Expanding towards Teton Canyon would displace recreationists and wildlife, it would increase noise levels in the canyon, it would likely threaten the quality and quantity of Teton Creek. These factors can not be ignored.

During one meeting I heard a supporter of Grand Targhee expansion claim that wildlife could just go somewhere else in the wilderness. I have a degree in Ecology and evidence doesn't support this statement. Winters in Teton Valley can be very hard. Wildlife can only survive these winters in certain locations. Teton Canyon is one of the locations that isn't on private land. Every year we lose private farm land, which wildlife has depended on, to private development. It is very important to keep existing wildlife habitat in the National Forest intact. In the case of Teton Canyon, the forest service should place Big Horn Sheep habitat as more important than skier habitat. Alternatives 2 and 4 need to be rejected because of disturbance to Big Horn Sheep habitat.

I believe the Forest Service should manage our public forests for all Americans. Thus, diverse use of Forest Service ground is the best use. Expansion of Grand Targhee Resort is not diverse use. It would take away habitat from those of us who love and enjoy wildlife, it would increase noise levels for those of us who enjoy quiet. it would increase development and loss of scenery for those of us who love the beauty of nature, it would decrease recreational opportunity for those who love the backcountry wilderness of this area. Expanding Targhee is not in the best public interest, it is only in the best interest of those who want to make private profit from public land. I think this has been evident in the meetings I have attended. The vast majority of the public is against this expansion.

Thank you.