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Comments: I am a local Teton Valley Idaho resident, who objects to the expansion of Grand Targhee into the South Bowl and Mono Trees. I also object to a restaurant at the top of Dream Catcher and the construction of the North Boundary lift and any new facilities in Ricks Basin. I therefore accept a modified version of Alternative 3 that accepts some upgrades to the current ski area, no boundary expansion.

My comments are in reference to Chapter 3, Section 3.13 of the Draft EIS. The Grand Targhee expansion and the construction of new lifts and facilities within the current ski area will have a profound negative impact on multiple species of animals. The scope and extent have not been well studied and need analysis; the Forest Service needs to supplement the DEIS with detailed analysis and mitigation measures! Please help save multiple species from loss of habitat, fragmentation of habitat, and human presence. Specifically, the Wolverine as an endangered species will lose habitat in a critical area, the South Bowl, the Mono Trees, and the North Boundary. Wolverines depend on high elevation, cold snowy areas that allow them to access food and mates; the expansion will endanger a threatened species. Not only will construction with habitat loss have a profound affect, the presence of humans will increase the risk to animals. We need site specific impact analysis in the DEIS concerning the Wolverine, with proactive management.

The negative impact to other species will also be significant; again, loss of habitat, fragmentation of habitat, and human presence. Grizzly Bear, Canada Lynx, Bighorn Sheep, Mule Deer, American Goshawk, Flammulated Owl, Great Gray Owl, Boreal Owl, Northern Saw-whet Owl, Northern Pygmy Owl, and American Three-toed Woodpecker will lose habitat. The current forest plan prohibits tree clearing within 30-acres of Flammulated Owl or Boreal Owl nest sites; this observation needs to be supplemented in the DEIS and demonstrate how it aligns with the Forest Service Plan.

Thank You for considering my comments as you make this decision on Grand Targhee,

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