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Comments: My interest in the Grand Targhee Expansion comes from a history of time and love in Teton Valley, ID.

I have lived in Teton Valley, Idaho for over 50 years and have skied at Targhee for most of them.

The impact of this expansion seems to contradict the Forest Service's mission statement which is to manage PUBLIC lands. Allowing an individual to put this expansion above the impact to wildlife and the eco system makes no sense. That is taking the "public" out of public lands and making it a destination for very wealthy skiers. Multiuse of public lands is not free, there will be a fee for everything. We are not looking to provide a theme park at Targhee.

I do not support the expansion of the south bowl nor the mono trees ski area. We simply do not need to expand Targhee for any reason.

The impact to the communities of Alta and Teton Valley, ID are extreme with no tax revenue to support the counties and/or cities involved with this expansion. All tax revenue will go to Wyoming and not IDAHO yet Idaho will completely feel the brunt of this expansion.

Looking at the plans for the base area expansion and noting that at least one building will be 5 stories high. Can the local fire dept. respond in time to a 5 story fire??? Our current fire department in Idaho simply does not have the capacity for fighting a fire on the 5th story of a building.

I am opposed to a restaurant at the top of Dreamcatcher. Have of the year it will be in the fog and also the lifts will most likely be shut down in extreme weather (which is frequent at GT). It won't matter if you put a fancy lift to the top if it is iced over and not operational. The environmental impact of putting such a facility on top of GT makes no sense. There is the impact that would be noted from GT National Park and the Jedediah Wilderness, water would come from ??? where, and the size is crazy. I think a smaller restaurant is warranted at the top of Sacajawea Lift in order to keep folks up on the mountain. I do not think there needs to be a restaurant at the top of Shoshone lift. It is very close to the base.

The impact to the wildlife goes without saying that it would be extremely detrimental to our wildlife and natural resources. this is sensitive Bighorn sheep habitat. Cutting more Whitebark pine insures the decline of bears and other species of wildlife.

The socio economic impact to TV Idaho would be extremely detrimental. The county alone would not receive any additional tax revenue to offset basic services like road maintenance, traffic flow, affordable housing, transportation routes and parking, law enforcement and emergency services and solid waste services. We do not have capacity to continue to be a diverse community with this expansion. It would soon be a very rich person's haven and the workers' would be pushed out and moved to Rexburg and Idaho Falls.

The DEIS does not adequately address the cumulative impacts of this plan with the expansion at the base. The trucks and construction would and is already having severe impacts on the City of Driggs. Just stand on the corner in Driggs for 1 hour during the day and see if you can carry on a conversation with someone with the constant flow of excavation and other trucks through downtown Driggs.

I do not feel that the study addresses the groundwater quality and erosion. We live in the West and there is already a water shortage. We cannot afford to pollute our mountain water that is so vital to farmers and residents in the valley proper.

The impact to Teton Canyon alone would be extremely detrimental. It is a well used canyon in both summer and winter. We do not need to listen to avalanche mitigation all winter and keep a snowmachine cache for "lost skiers" down there. We like our forests and Wilderness areas wild.

Please only consider option 3 with the exceptions mentioned above.