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Comments: I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort. As a skier and a local homeowner, I believe this project represents a positive step forward for both the resort and the broader Teton Valley community.

Ski areas are relatively limited in the United States, and Grand Targhee has long stood out as a unique and valued destination. However, the current facilities-particularly dining, seating, and base-area amenities-are inadequate for today's visitor needs. The expansion plan addresses these shortcomings and will allow the resort to offer a more welcoming, well-rounded experience to guests and locals alike.

Beyond the resort itself, an improved Grand Targhee supports the surrounding community in important ways. Additional visitors help sustain local businesses, increase year-round employment opportunities, and drive much-needed revenue for services such as schools and the hospital. The benefits extend beyond tourism: a stronger local economy helps ensure Teton Valley remains a vibrant and livable place for full-time residents and second-home owners alike.

I understand that any expansion on public land must be carefully considered. However, I believe this project strikes a reasonable balance between environmental stewardship and the needs of a growing mountain community. With thoughtful planning and oversight, Grand Targhee can grow in a way that enhances the guest experience while continuing to respect the natural beauty and character of the surrounding Caribou-Targhee National Forest.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input during the public comment period. I hope you will support the responsible expansion of Grand Targhee Resort.