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Comments: Dear Mr. Bolling,

I am writing to comment on Targhee's proposal DEIS.

As a lifelong resident in Wilson, I have been a regular user of the ski area and surrounding mountains since the 1970's and appreciate the investments made that have balanced recreation with preservation of the ecosystem. The proposed expansion is focused on making this area an economic asset in contrast with a family focused recreation area. I believe that the area can remain viable without significant expansion into public lands.

I prefer a modified version of Alternative 3. Alternative 3 does not authorize development in South Bowl and Mono Trees areas, which are outside Targhee's current permitted use area. I believe the proposed restaurant at the ridge top of Fred's Mountain will seriously impact the views from other parts of the Forest and GTNP including Table Mountain, Grand Teton and Teton Valley and should not be permitted.

Also of concern is the removal of Whitebark Pine, a threatened species important to wildlife, to "improve" in-bound ski slopes.

Please move forward with approval of the less impactful alternative that continues the balance so appreciated by users, residents and the area's resident critters who have no voice.

Sincerely,

Jared Smith

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