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Comments: Good afternoon,

I am writing to appose of the Grand Targhee expansion plan. I am a Dirggs resident and home owner. I have called Teton Valley home for the past six year, and Jackson, WY for seventeen years previous to moving to the Valley. I loved my time in Jackson, but my move was initially prompted by affordability, and wanting to be able to buy a house near the Tetons. I witnessed Jackson grow too big, and too quick for its bitches first hand, and I would hate to see Teton Valley head in the same direction. I do not see any positive benefits to the exposed expansion. All I see are negative impacts. Negative impacts are as follows;

- The revenue going to Grand Targhee will only benefit Wyoming, and negatively impact Teton Valley Idaho.
- I live on Ski Hill road and have seen the negative impacts of too much traffic and not enough parking at Targhee-this was exacerbated during Covid.
- The expansion would drive up the cost of homes, and make it even more difficult for the local work force to be able to afford to live here.
- This will harm wildlife, and vegetation. This is what upsets me the most.
- As global warming intensifies, and our winters become shorter, the areas stripped of trees to create more runs won't even be taken advantage of.
- Moving the boundary line further over towards Teton Canyon would put inexperienced skiers and riders at greater risk to duck ropes and be caught in avalanche terrain.
- This would ruin the beauty of Teton Canyon
- The lift proposed next to Blackfoot will not provide any extra skiable acreage. It will simply put you further down the boring cat track back to the lift.
- We simply don't need to expand the terrain. It is never, every busy at Targhee. Maybe the Trap is, but not the mountain. If anything, there could just be better signage for foggy days.
- This will most likely pollute the water supply.
- If anything, there could more infrastructure at the base for families not skiing. This is the majority of what Targhee is. I ski constantly at the Ghee, weekdays and weekends. It simply is not busy enough to need the expansion. This will also drive up ski pass prices, and price out people in the surrounding communities, like Idaho Falls.
- The shuttle bus transportation is also laking. This should be addressed before even considering trying to bring in more people.

Then proposed expansion will harm the local workforce, surrounding communities, the environment, and wildlife. I don't see how this is benefiting anyone, other than those who want a second, third or fourth home, and don't actually live here and don't support the local economy.

Please take what those worried about this proposed expansion are concerned about into consideration. There is a reason a large portion of the local Teton Valley community are against this.

Best,
Christine