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Comments: Dear Ms. Pierson,

I support that Alternative 3 be adopted. Teton Counties in both Wyoming and Idaho are facing extreme pressures from growing populations and visitors. I do not support Alternative 2, as it projects 80,000 more skier days, which our Teton Valley community cannot handle. Teton County, Idaho is constrained by Idaho state tax law which severely limits the government's ability to increase budgets. Our community cannot afford the projected upkeep of roads, housing, EMS, solid waste, and other demands for services. Since the resort is located in Wyoming, Idaho receives no tax revenue from property and sales at Grand Targhee Resort, yet faces the bulk of impacts.

In terms of environmental impacts, the DEIS doesn't adequately address erosion and groundwater quality and quantity issues. The City of Driggs is downhill from Targhee and relies on water from Teton County that is just downhill from Grand Targhee Resort.

I also do not support expansion into South Bowl and the Mono Trees, but do support improvements within existing boundaries with some caveats. South Bowl and Mono Trees are important wildlife habitat, particularly for Bighorn Sheep. The South Bowl area is also important for bears, ungulates, and other wildlife and avian species. Further, these areas host Whitebark Pine, which is an endangered species. I do not support the cutting of more of these critical trees when improvements can be made within existing boundaries. Expansion into the South Bowl and Mono Trees also would require extensive avalanche mitigation.

Lastly, I think any in-bounds improvements need to consider the impacts to viewsheds, noise, and nearby wilderness areas. The Sacagawea restaurant would allow improvements on the Peaked side of the resort. Yet, any restaurant on top of Fred's should have a smaller footprint since this is adjacent to the Jedediah Smith Wilderness and the viewshed of Grand Teton National Park.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Werlin