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Comments: Based on the DEIS report, expanding the resort beyond its current boundary would be tragic for wildlife, the environment and our community. I support Alternative 1, keeping Targhee inbounds with no new development or upgrades. Resort boundary expansions in Alternatives 2, 4, and 5 all violate conservation priorities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Further, Targhee has not shown an adequate need to privatize more public lands. The DEIS is also lacking crucial research and analysis, including a comprehensive traffic impact study, detailed housing impact analysis and detailed studies of public recreation displacement impacts.

Any Alternative that expands resort capacity would increase traffic congestion on Ski Hill Road, creating safety hazards and deteriorating the quality of life for Teton Valley residents. Existing infrastructure will be overwhelmed, particularly in winter months when road conditions are already hazardous. Resort expansion would also worsen the critical shortage of affordable housing for workers in Teton County, Idaho, displacing long-term residents. And, escalate second-home purchases, driving up real estate prices and further marginalizing local families.

As a local homeowner, I am also very concerned that the proposed water withdrawals for snowmaking would diminish local aquifers already stressed by agricultural and residential use, with downstream impacts to our community.

I live between Driggs and Victor. My husband and I regularly access the wilderness adjacent to Grand Targhee Resort and hope to bring our future children there. Privatizing that land at the expense of wildlife would be a loss for us and others in this community we love so much. Please keep Targhee inbounds.