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Comments: I am opposed to the expansion of Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) and urge the USFS to adopt Alternative 1 - No Action / No New Development. GTR has already made immense profits from public land and should not be allowed to further enrich itself from despoiling even more public land. Expanding beyond its current boundaries will irreparably impair critical habitat for many species of wildlife, including several species in decline across their ranges - notably bighorn sheep and goshawks. In fact, the GTR's proposed action conflicts with the Targhee Forest Plan in the following ways:

? Removes scenery protections for South Bowl and Mono Trees.

? Supersedes forest plan protections for aquatic resources in South Bowl and Mono Trees.

? Tree clearing and construction activities within the Mono Trees expansion area contradicts standards for goshawk habitat.

? The forest plan prohibits tree clearing within 30-acres of flammulated owl and boreal owl nests. Tree clearing is proposed within all of five flammulated owl nesting areas within the existing SUP. There is a boreal owl nest in the Mono Trees area and another within Targhee's existing SUP. The majority of the Mono Trees boreal owl nest area (24.1 acres) would be gladed or clearcut for ski terrain. A small amount (1.1 acres) of the other nest area would be impacted.

? The forest plan restricts human disturbances from March 15 through July 31 to avoid adverse impacts at known falcon nest sites. Proposed activities across all action alternatives are within 2 miles of 2 known peregrine falcon eyries in Teton Canyon but expansion into South Bowl would have the greatest impact on peregrine falcons because of the proximity to the eyries

? New development adjacent to the Jedediah Smith Wilderness conflicts with forest plan directives (Maintaining the natural diversity of wildlife species is the highest priority) and threatens opportunities for solitude and unconfined recreation within the JSW as mandated by the Wilderness Act of 1964

Further, the negative externalities of GTR's proposed action include increased net costs for local government, magnified strains on municipal and county infrastructure, and exacerbation of the housing shortage.

GTR's proposed action is NOT in the public interest and should not be allowed. Again, I am opposed to GTR's proposed action and urge the USFS for adopt Alternative 1 - No Action / No New Development.