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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort.

?Some growth at Targhee is understandable. I recognize the resort's importance to our local economy. However, the proposed expansion onto public land will lead to growth that Teton County Idaho simply can't pay for, in terms of road maintenance, emergency services, and law enforcement.

In addition to the economic impacts, several other types of impacts of the proposed expansion could never be fixed with money. For example, cutting down endangered Whitebark Pine is unacceptable. Avalanche control in Teton Canyon will change the normally quiet experience of being in that area. It will also impact wildlife habitat. Light pollution from the resort will damage our night skies. Our clean air and water will be negatively affected by increased snowmaking and traffic. Views from Grand Teton National Park will include a restaurant. These impacts have not been adequately addressed in the DEIS.

The only alternative I could support is number 3, no expansion of the current Special Use Permit. However, the development proposed in that alternative still causes concern when it comes to our views, light pollution, and water and air quality.

Overall, I agree with the letter recently passed by the Teton County Idaho Board of County Commissioners. I hope our local community's views are respected. Thank you again.