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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor,

I am a resident of Teton County, Idaho and a season pass holder at Grand Targhee Resort. In the matter of Grand Targhee Resort expansion, my preferred option is Alternative 1 (or Alternative 3 without on mountain restaurants).

This is due to the plans to build large on mountain, ridgeline restaurants in each of Alternatives 2 - 5. Generally, I am comfortable with Grand Targhee Resort expanding operations within its current SUP boundary and limiting development of guest facilities and lodging to the base area, which was the reason behind the Squirrel Meadows land swap to convert 120 acres at the base to private ownership for development. However, none of the Alternatives provides for this scenario. Given the choice of the current Alternatives, I believe in Alternative 1. If modifications are permitted, I am for Alternative 3 modified for zero on mountain restaurants.

As you are likely aware, the economic benefits of any potential expansion shall accrue to the owners of the resort and Teton County, Wyoming, whereas the economic costs of any potential expansion shall be largely borne by Teton County, Idaho. This imbalance will put substantial strain on the infrastructure and services of my community without any offsetting tax revenue. I encourage you to explore remedies to this imbalance of benefits and costs between the different stakeholders in a more equitable way.

Specific reasons that I object to other Alternatives that expand the SUP:

*Grand Targhee Resort is situated in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem, a national and global treasure based on its rich diversity of species, populations of rare species (for example, grizzly bears, lynx, wolverine, and bighorn sheep), and outstanding natural beauty. Expanding the SUP puts more pressure on this marvelous ecosystem by destroying or fragmenting habitat.

*There have been no studies submitted or plans to mitigate effects from construction damage, increased water use and waste, traffic congestion, and increased need for employee housing.

At a time when public lands are increasingly and imminently under threat of commercialization, avoiding the expansion of the SUP area or the placement of restaurants on Fred's and Peaked Mountains would help preserve the character of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem with all of its abundance.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Regards,

Robin Hart