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Re: Grand Targhee Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Dear Ms. Pierson,

I am a season pass holder at Targhee so I greatly value our local ski mountain. I am also a resident of Driggs, Idaho and I care deeply about my community and our surrounding environment. I support a modified version of Alternative One with no on-mountain changes other than in-bounds lifts and small ski patrol huts (or you could call it a modified Alternative Three with no restaurants).

As a skier who knows the mountain well, the ten minute runs at Targhee are not so long that it is difficult to get back to the base for food and drinks. I am baffled that there is valid concern for viewshed impacts to periodic recreators in the GTNP and the JSW and yet there is relatively little concern being expressed for the hundreds of homes in Teton Valley who will be forced 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to endure the sun reflections, nighttime light pollution, and general ugliness of on mountain restaurants.

When you look around the horseshoe of mountains surrounding our beautiful valley it is unspoiled by mountaintop structures because Teton County, Idaho has prohibited them in the past. I have been told that the intention of the Squirrel Meadows land swap 21 years ago was to limit development of Targhee to its base area to respect the values of our community for dark skies and maintaining a more natural environment in the mountains. If Targhee is given a foothold to put even one restaurant on the hill this will set a precedent and other large mountain structures will surely follow in the future. The whole concept of on mountain restaurants is short sighted and important questions such as how wastewater will be handled have not been answered.

I am not for Targhee expanding out of bounds due the negative wildlife and environmental impacts, well documented by others, and the negative fiscal impacts, also well documented by others, that an expanded Wyoming resort accessed through Idaho will bring. The expansion of Targhee is a losing proposition for myself personally due to the view from my home which will be lost forever, a losing proposition for the wildlife and trees, and a losing proposition for Teton Valley, Idaho which can't afford to support an expanded resort.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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