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Comments: I am opposed to the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort.

I am concerned about the negative impacts to the wildlife that utilize and rely on the land that will be developed or impacted by this proposed expansion. Teton Valley is undergoing so much population growth and development that is already impacting wildlife, both with the loss of open space and habitat, as well as displacement caused by increased numbers of people recreating on public land. The Targhee expansion is entirely unnecessary and would cause undue burden to wildlife in the area.

One of the most redeeming qualities of Targhee is its local feel and vibe. The more it grows, the less of that vibe it has.

Idaho seems to be paying the price for so many things associated with the expansion, while Wyoming reaps the benefits. For instance, Teton County, Idaho, does not receive sales tax or property tax or other sources of revenue from Grand Targhee's operations. But Teton County, Idaho, and its community members do suffer the financial and mental burden of increased traffic and people, and the strain on resources such as water quality, waste management, and emergency services. It does, at least, provide jobs to many Idaho residents, though. Targhee is not set up to handle the proposed growth and all of the services that must be provided with that growth. Teton Valley is already suffering from increased traffic in the area, with roads not made to handle the increases. Expanding Targhee will only make this worse.

Traffic on Ski Hill Road and parking at Targhee are already problematic. It does not make sense to bring more growth.

Driggs and Teton Valley, Idaho are bearing the brunt of the burden of expansion, while Wyoming and a few entities profit immensely.

Quit rewarding people with excessive wealth. Keep Targhee affordable and not elitist. There are plenty of other nearby resorts for the elitist class to go and overspend.

The locals who have supported Targhee all these years are paying more and more for a lesser experience.

It would be obnoxious to see lights for night skiing at Targhee. Please mind our dark sky initiatives. It is far more important to be able to see the stars and beautiful night sky than to allow selfish humans the ability to ski at night. Targhee is wonderful the way it is. People appreciate it for its size and laid back vibe. Growth makes it so much less appealing.

Too much growth is ruining this beautiful valley with unrestrained development. No expansion, please!!