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Comments: I vehemently oppose the Grand Targhee Management proposal. The damage it would cause to not only the delicate ecosystem of the forest itself, but to the aquifers, scenic integrity, and local community would be nothing short of despicable. The thought that a company would get the right to tear into my forest, the one I've treasured and enjoyed since I was a child, is vile. We have more than enough ski resorts, in the country, not to mention just the immediate area. There are already three major resorts in both Teton County Wyoming and Idaho. I think we have plenty. What we could use is more natural, public, protected land. We need places for people to hike and bike and camp. The animals need their home. We need the trees. We need the clean water. Grand Targhee already has plenty of land around the valley. If they want to expand, they can go take over somewhere else. Not taint our mountain further. Plus, the impact on the community would be crazy- traffic is already rapidly becoming a nightmare. We have more backups and accidents now than I've ever seen in my 25 years here and the community is most definitely not thrilled.

Even environmental and community concerns aside- Grand Targhee has never had a good reputation for establishing good, properly built infrastructure. It's been an open secret for ages that everything Grand Targhee builds is garbage. Every building is a lemon. They're all poorly built. They're all done in a rush. They're all rotting and full of mold. They're tilting, they're broken, they don't last. As someone who's worked in a building that used to be managed by Grand Targhee, the direct evidence we've seen at our establishment is abhorrent. How can we put our fragile, beautiful forests in the hands of people who can't even build a condo correctly or keep a lodging building from tilting off the hillside. They couldn't even manage to keep the Sioux Lodge from slanting, even after fixing the downward lean. How can we expect to trust them to put a restaurant on the top of the mountain? Not to mention one that's already considered hazardous, due to the sharp cliffs on the backside. Grand Targhee has barely managed to weasel their way into the good graces of the public, but a lot of folks haven't forgot about the years of shady stunts, shortcuts, and unscrupulous behaviour over the years. If it wants to show the community that it cares about more than just money, then it can rip its head out of the sand and listen to the people for once.

And in the end, remember: we can not eat money or oil.