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Comments: I am writing to express my objection to the Grand Targhee Expansion. Grand Targhee has ample accessible and enjoyable terrain for skiers of all ability levels. It's big enough to accommodate residents and visitors alike. Targhee is a lovely ski area with small town energy - the kind of ski area where everyone says hello and you can still stash your bag under the stairs or on the deck to retrieve when you're ready for lunch.

The Targhee expansion has repercussions beyond just changing the character of the ski area. The entire valley will be affected. With increased traffic comes increased human wildlife interaction. I am particularly opposed to the expansion into South Bowl and Mono Trees due to the effect it will have on year round wildlife habitat. The increase in visitors will cause wear and tear on infrastructure with no tax revenue to support maintenance. There will be higher demand for short term rentals which will drive up the cost of housing for all in the Teton Valley, including for employees at Targhee who need to be able to afford to live within a reasonable distance of the resort.

Please do not expand Grand Targhee.

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