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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects.

While there are myriad considerations the core issue here is whether or not the Special Use Permit (SUP) is in the public interest.

The dictionary definition of PUBLIC is "of or serving the people as a WHOLE."

Based upon this definition, ALTERNATIVES 2, 4 AND 5 ARE CLEARLY NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST.

The only way these alternatives are worthy of consideration is if PUBLIC is defined by the USFS as one wealthy corporation and wealthy individuals.

After reading carefully virtually all the benefit of this proposed expansion (Alternative 2) accrues to a single corporation (GTR) and wealthy individuals who can afford to spend significant dollars on recreation. The cost, as laid out in voluminous commentary to the USFS, is borne by the rest of us in terms of socio-economic disadvantages for Teton County Idaho, loss of habitat, loss of wildlife, loss of migration corridors, loss of free recreation opportunities, loss of quiet, backcountry experience, and loss of pristine public lands set aside for future generations both human and animal.

GTR is not operating at capacity under its existing footprint because of flaws in the resort's design and efficiency. Parking, traffic and skier movement on the mountain can all be greatly improved to enable the resort to accommodate the increase in visitation it desires without expanding into additional USFS terrain. An improvement to the existing footprint instead of sprawl is a minimum first step for GTR. The most sensible solution is to keep GTR within its current boundary while allowing for reasonable, methodical improvements within the boundary over time.

As a member of the Public whose interests you are charged to uphold I RESPECTFULLY ASK YOU TO ONLY APPROVE ALTERNATIVE 1 WITH THE POSSIBLE CAREFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF SOME ALTERNATIVE 3 PROPOSALS within the existing GTR foot print. This allows GTR to grow/profit, allows for more public use of the resort and retains free public use of the lands around it. This is clearly what serves the people as a whole... all of us ... the public.

Thank you again.