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Comments: I strongly disapprove of the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Resort. Terrain expansion violates the current forest plan, contradicts federal agency management of regional biodiversity, compromises legacy management areas such as adjacent Wilderness Areas, puts undue strain on local municipal resources, and continues a pattern of unsustainable growth that has plagued other towns in the Rocky Mountain West. The Teton Valley is already undergoing growth that is outpacing the infrastructural capacity of the counties involved, and an expansion of this scale would only exacerbate those issues. Increasing traffic is a danger to citizens and wildlife, and approving these changes goes against the Forest Service's own conclusions for the protection of water resources in the South Bowl and Mono Trees areas. Also, threatened wildlife would be at risk of further displacement due to new infrastructure, the presence of humans, and trails through vital movement corridors.

As a some-time visitor to Targhee, I can say that this expansion will likely impact my desire to visit this legendary ski area. The grassroots feel of the area is a big draw and this level of development would radically impact that experience. Taken with my above concerns about impacts to the environment and the communities in Teton Valley, for these reasons I urge you to draw from Alternatives 1 or 3. Thank you for considering my letter.