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Comments: After reviewing the Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), I would support a modified version of "Alternative 3 - No SUP Expansion" that either eliminates the construction of a building at the summit of Fred's Mountain, or situates and scales the building such that it cannot be seen from Grand Teton National Park (GTNP) or the Jedediah Smith Wilderness (JSW). As a property owner in Driggs, ID, I am very supportive of GTR as a regional recreational and economic asset. GTR is one of the reasons that I bought property in Teton Valley. However, effective stewardship must take into account the region's natural resources, infrastructure, economic climate, and quality of life for all residents. GTNP and JSW are just as - if not more - important to the regional economy than GTR and any development at GTR should not sacrifice the surrounding viewsheds and ecosystems. In addition to protecting the unique natural beauty of GTNP and the surrounding public lands, the residents and taxpayers of Teton County, ID (TCID) also need to be protected. An unusual aspect of GTR development is that while it is located in Wyoming, it can only be accessed through TCID. Therefore, all sales and property tax revenue at the resort accrue to Teton County, WY (TCWY) while the vast majority of infrastructure costs are borne by TCID. I would support a situation where TCWY and TCID negotiate a tax revenue sharing plan whereby roads, bridges, trash, recycling, emergency services, and other infrastructure on the Idaho side of the border can grow along with GTR. It is my understanding that TCWY already has contracts with TCID Fire & Dry Rescue and the TCID Sherriff's Office to provide services to Alta, WY and GTR; these contracts could be expanded or new contracts could be established between the two counties to include all applicable services and infrastructure in TCID that would be impacted by development at GTR. Finally, regardless of which path GTR development goes down, all activities should occur at a measured pace with builtin, transparent procedures to assess impacts and continually evaluate if development plans should be paused or modified to protect both natural resources and the residents of TCID and TCWY. Thank you.