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Comments: I strongly oppose permitting any expansion of Grand Targhee Ski Resort's (GTR) Special Use Permit (SUP) for a variety of reasons. This means no South Bowl or Mono Tree development. I agree with the many supporters of Alternative 3 with strong modifications, such as Teton County Board of Commissioners, Teton County Backcountry Alliance, and many Driggs residents. My three reasons are: 1) forest and wildlife protection (i.e., habitat destruction, increased human activity, noise & Description (agree) and 3) no skier demand (aka no real need to expand as GTR is not a busy ski resort). I support Alternative 3 with strong modifications. First, I feel very strongly about NOT ALLOWING the proposed northern chairlift near "Rick's Basin". This would destroy a pristine aspen grove that currently hosts one of the most beautiful trails and wildlife habitat within the current SUP area. The summer trails that weave through this forest would be lost and the experience detrimentally impacted if a chairlift is going through this area. Again, do not allow the northern chairlift.

Second, the proposed on-mountain restaurants would have major water quality and quantity negative impacts if not carefully and wisely developed. Especially alongside increased snowmaking capabilities (if that is allowed with this proposed expansion). Also, this restaurant should be placed out-of-sight from Teton Canyon for both noise and viewshed concerns.

Thirdly, do not allow increased snowmaking capabilities. I would be a poor use of our precious public water resources to allow this. Water resources are only becoming more precious with many competing demands in the face of our changing climate. This is not a wise long-term economic or environmental decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

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