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Comments: I learned to ski at Targhee and grew up going to the resort almost every weekend in the winter. Grand Targhee will always hold a special place in my heart, but I cannot in good consciousness support any expansion of the resort. As such, I support Alternative 1: No Action Analysis of the DEIS. The impacts of resort expansion on the community (both human and non-human) in Teton County, Idaho and Wyoming is too great to support any other alternative presented within the DEIS. Once we allow private interests to gain control of our public lands, the chance of reclaiming that land is essentially non-existent.

The impact on wildlife habitat and flora within the expansion area is far too great for expansion to be considered acceptable. Targhee is already a thriving resort. Their desire to expand beyond their already established boundaries is unnecessary and the economic, social, and environmental burden of that expansion will be borne by the surrounding communities and the wildlife that call the area home. This is not acceptable.

Please consider the wellbeing of all who live in this region (human and otherwise) in this decision rather than only the needs and wants of Grand Targhee Resort. Once our public lands are sold into private hands, they cannot be reclaimed. This is a pivotal decision for those of us who call Teton Valley home and for the future of the valley.