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Comments: After looking at the proposed Grand Targhee expansion alternatives and the DEIS report, I am opposed to the resort opening terrain in the South Bowl or Mono Trees areas and also opposed to a restaurant at the top of the mountain. The DEIS report clearly demonstrates major ecological impacts, particularly loss of habitat for some of the area's most important keystone species like wolverine, lynx, grizzly bear, and raptors. This would no doubt violate the conservation priorities in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and leave future generations a diminished opportunity to experience the Tetons as we have enjoyed them.

I own and operate a farm in Victor since 2012 and have watched the Teton Valley change tremendously over that time, and feel any expansion would have unforeseen economic impacts on our already fast-growing valley. For this reason, I oppose all expansion and would support Alternative 1: no action.

I understand that the Forest Service may be compelled to compromise. In this case, I would recommend a modified Alternative 3 that prohibits the establishment of a restaurant. The creation of a restaurant would impact the wilderness experience of those traveling in the Tetons and is not something we can simply undo if the resort were to fall on hard times and no longer be able to operate the restaurant.

We must consider what we leave behind for future generations, and the DEIS makes it clear that a Grand Targhee expansion would cost our children a fulfilling opportunity we all are fortunate enough to experience today.