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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) Master Development Plan, Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

I am an avid skier and spend time at Targhee in the winter. I also spend time mountain biking at GTR in the summer. Our young boy is learning to ski at Targhee. I support GTR and recognize it as a valuable resource to our community. But, I am opposed to GTR expanding beyond it's current boundaries.

I believe that GTR is an amazing skiing experience in it's current configuration, so I am in favor of Alternative 1 (No Action).

I am opposed to Targhee expanding beyond it's current boundaries, including into South Bowl and the Mono trees. I am very concerned about the impacts this expansion would have on wildlife (especially Big Horn Sheep) and the need to cut upwards of 450 white bark pine trees. I am also concerned about the impacts of active avalanche mitigation on the user experience in the relative solitude of Teton Canyon.

Please do not allow a large ridgetop restaurant at the top of Dreamcatcher. This would have a negative impact on our dark skies and be visible from the adjacent Jedediah Smith Wilderness (JSW) and Grand Teton National Park (GTNP). A restaurant should be much smaller and positioned off of the ridge-crest to be out of view from the JSW and GTNP.

On top of the direct environmental concerns there are other concerns over the impacts to the infrastructure and economy of Teton County, Idaho while the direct benefits of property and sales tax go to WY.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Sincerely,

Don Carpenter