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Comments: To Whom this Concerns Regarding Targhee Expansion,

I am writing in support of Alternative 1 (no action).

I see that there are some aspects of Alternative 3 that could help the resort without affecting wildlife and views from both town and the surrounding wilderness. I can accept this.

I strongly oppose any expansion toward Teton Canyon - Either the South Bowl or Mono Trees.

If Alternative 3 is chosen, I could support:

- Lighting on Palmer Raceway for kids to be able to train longer after school. The lights should be tuned off by 7 pm to adhere to our dark skies community.
- Crazy Horse Lift which would mean skiers wouldn't have to return to the bottom every run and that lift has a greater chance of being more clear on foggy days.
- A low profile restaurant at the top of Sacajawea lift to help alleviate congestion at the base area.

I strongly oppose:

- The proposed North Boundary lift and guest facilities in Ricks Basin. While this a fun place to alpine ski, a new lift would disturb a beautiful basin that currently allows for nordic skiing and biking trails, and dog sled and sleigh rides adventures. The remoteness of this basin is what makes it special for those uses.
- The ridgeline restaurant at the top of Dreamcatcher lift. It is unnecessary and more visible from wilderness and from the valley floor than a smaller restaurant at the top of Sacajawea.

Most importantly, I oppose expansion into South Bowl or Mono trees. The new Colter lift has opened up that side of the mountain reducing any crowd and increasing the skiable acres. It allows skiers to look over into Teton Canyon without having too much effect on the many people that enjoy the free walking and nordic skiing in the canyon itself.

Trails that are accommodated by the Colter lift have already been cut through trees. We do not need more of that in the Mono Trees. Having skiers in there will adversely affect wildlife who are already challenged in our long winter months.

I have enjoyed Grand Targhee year round for many years. I appreciate its role in the community and in my life here. I, and many people that I spoken with, locals and visitors alike, so appreciate a resort that has NOT grown out of control. It is in fact one of the draws of Grand Targhee.

Thank You for Your Consideration,
Caroline Herter