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Dear Ms. Pierson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

From my reading of the DEIS and the Technical Reports, there is little doubt in my mind that supplemental work is urgently needed and must be done.

My profession is transportation planning, project/program development and funding at the local and regional levels for over 45 years. My wife and I built our "forever" home in Tetonia in 2008. My intention is to retire and continue to experience the high-quality natural environment present in the Teton Valley. Unfortunately, it is clear that the management at GTR is not knowledgeable in a variety of the NEPA designated and required affected/impacted natural and human environment areas for any sufficient DEIS to be presented to the public and pertinent agencies at this point .

The SE Group has not delivered a sufficiently developed DEIS that justifies agency and public consideration.

As a transportation professional I found the Traffic and Parking Technical Report to be extremely underwhelming with a multitude of omissions to say the least. GTR has never provided enough parking at their resort.

The image posted on the notargheex.org site presents evidence of this. This image was taken in 2022, the vehicle que snaked back down Ski Hill Road for over one mile. Life safety access, emergency medical access and other essential public services are clearly deficient now.

This particular ski area and operator has clearly demonstrated they are not competent nor at a minimum, cognizant of these operational needs today, much less with any future expansion being requested.

Not more now, not better at all!

Ski Hill Road must be recognized as one of the main impediments to GTR expanding and to being allowed to advance any of the construction they desire on their in-holding. This two- lane road will never be widened. GTR has made hints about building a second ingress-egress road over South Leigh Creek. This road will never be permitted/built through the significant environmentally sensitive lands present in South Leigh Creek.

For GTR and their consultants to continue to state the alleged use of transit is a viable genuine action to lessen parking and congestion problems is particularly offensive and a blatant disregard for public health, safety and welfare. Simply stated, a false and disingenuous statement.

Transit does not perform in those manners when confined to a two-lane mountain road with

substandard geometry. Transit buses might work very early each day to deliver resort employees, but once the public begins to arrive - all transit buses are captive in general traffic ques with the skier/rider vehicles.

It is my fervent hope and expectation that you will issue a call for a Supplemental DEIS. This must be closely watched by you and your staff to ensure that the inadequacies and omissions of the analysis in this subject DEIS are cured in a SDEIS together with robust community engagement.

Teton Valley is far too special and valuable a place to risk having intended and/or unintended negative impacts to materialize and alter this environment.

Sincerely,

Mac Callison