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Comments: I strongly oppose Targhee's proposed expansion onto public lands, as the argument that such growth benefits everyone is fundamentally flawed and misleading. The natural beauty and ecological integrity of the region are what make the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem unique, not expanded ski resorts. Allowing Targhee to develop beyond its current footprint sets a dangerous precedent, perpetuating a cycle of competitive development by other resorts like Jackson Hole Mountain Resort and Snow King, all at the expense of the human and ecological communities that call this area "home". The expansion undermines the very reasons people choose to live and recreate in this area, prioritizing corporate profit over public interest and environmental preservation.

The proposed development poses serious threats to the local ecosystem, including the destruction of threatened White-Bark Pine trees, disruption of critical raptor nesting areas, and loss of habitat for various wildlife species. Beyond ecological damage, it would degrade the experience for backcountry users, hikers, and climbers, altering pristine views and diminishing the wilderness character of the Tetons. The social impacts are equally troubling-strained housing markets, services ill-equipped to handle increased demand, and infrastructure expansion into wildfire-prone areas without adequate fire protection. Public lands belong to all Americans, and their primary purpose should be conservation and public enjoyment-not exploitation by private interests. Therefore, I stand firmly against any expansion beyond current resort boundaries and oppose further development within them.