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Comments: My name is Rich Eidem and my family and I live outside of Tetonia. I moved to Teton Village in 1984 and I've skied several thousand days at Jackson Hole the greatest ski area in North America. I have also skied extensively in Switzerland, France and Italy. I was the general manager of the Alyeska Ski Resort - the largest ski area in Alaska. Skiing has been my life and I am still a pass holder at JH. The Targhee expansion is folly on several fronts. Teton Valley is severely lacking in infrastructure with the current 'boom' and the build out of the Ghee would certainly exacerbate this dilemma. The current situation is unsustainable let alone with an expansion. Without considering the negative impact on backcountry users, Nordic skiers and wildlife, the proposed build out of ski terrain on the South aspect above Teton Canyon is absolutely ridiculous. The solar impact on the snowpack of that South facing terrain clearly disqualifies even considering a lift, grooming or snowmaking in that area.

It's quite clear that the goal of ownership here is to prop up the growth potential of the ski resort and the surrounding real estate in order to sell the Ghee to a large ski corporation. That would destroy Teton Valley. There is no getting around the issue of ski hill road which is already beyond capacity. The Swiss would create a micro village at the Teton canyon turn out and build a gondola up to the ski area. There would be a T in Driggs off the light rail going from IF to the tunnel through Teton pass that would deliver Targhee users to the village so no vehicles would be necessary, but I digress.

This is a small ski area near a small town and it should be kept that way. Please deny the proposed expansion. There are plenty of large ski resorts in our area. This is motivated by pure greed.

Thanks for your consideration.