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Re: Grand Targhee 2018 Master Development Plan Projects #58258

I am hoping you will consider my thoughts regarding the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding the Grand Targhee 2018 Master Development Plan Projects.

I am in favor of a modified Alternative 3 that would include:

- \* Construction of 29 miles of mountain bike trails within the existing SUP
- \* Construction of Nordic, snowshoe, and fat biking trails within the existing SUP
- \* New on-mountain facilities that do not remove any live, young whitebark pine within the existing SUP area, interfere with water quality, or dark skies initiatives
- \* Implementation of various summer activities within the summer activity zone, which could include a canopy tour, aerial adventure course, or zip line course IF that do not remove any live, young whitebark pine or disrupt any nesting habitat of threatened species.
- \* Replacement of two lifts within the existing SUP
- \* Construction of the Crazy Horse lift within the existing SUP
- \* Construction of new surface lift within the existing SUP
- \* Construction of a snowmobile rescue catch within the existing SUP
- \* Construction of a 1,500 square foot (plus 2,000 sq ft. deck) yurt with restaurant and restrooms at the top of the Shoshone lift.
- \* Construction of a warming cabin and vault toilet in Rick's Basin.

I am strongly opposed to Grand Targhee expanding beyond the boundaries of its current Special Use Permit (SUP) area as well as many of the in-bounds expansions which I believe will have a negative impact of our quality of life as well as that of the ecosystem we all live here to be a part of.

I strongly believe Grand Targhee Resort does not NEED to expand, privatizing our public lands, any further. Expanding into South Bowl and Mono trees will severely impact the backcountry experience of these areas and degrade pristine white bark pine and grizzly bear habitat, both being threatened species.

The socioeconomic impacts of the expansion will negatively change our way of life in Driggs and Victor. It will add to the already increasing cost of living, costs of road maintenance, waste management, etc. The quality of life will also negatively change with increased traffic, construction, etc.

The social, environmental, and economic impacts of this expansion will change Teton Valley in only negative ways. Please make the right decision to recommend the Alternative 3 variation that conserves wildlife and the special place we live.

Thank you,  
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