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Comments: The Targhee Resort master plan to expand the resort into Teton Canyon would have great harm on the surrounding small town communities and the wildlife within the mountains. The Big Horn Sheep population in the Tetons is at a critical number and has more interaction with humans every year, which is causing even more decline. By expanding into Teton Canyon, there would be even more pressure on the sheep wintering in the harsh conditions. The Big Horn sheep and many other wildlife are what make the surrounding area of Targhee special. The communities that utilize Targhee resort the most benefit from wildlife tourism.

By developing Targhee even more, the resort would lose the small, local, and unique aspect it has. This expansion would ruin the recreation area of Teton Canyon as people know it now and would only lead to more development. We must keep public lands as little developed as possible to preserve and keep conservation efforts.

Open spaces, little development, and a small human footprint are what make the Teton communities so special. We have thriving communities currently, so why make detrimental changes that would forever change the unique aspects of our environment and community?

This expansion would be a disgrace to the communities, wildlife, and freedom of open spaces in the mountain west.