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Comments: Dear Supervisor Kim Pierson,

I respectfully submit my objection to the Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Draft Record of Decision (Draft ROD) of May 2026 issued by Responsible Official Kim Pierson, Forest Supervisor of the Caribou Targhee National Forest.

I previously submitted comments, concerns and suggestions dated 6/19/2025 but feel I received no consideration based on your decision.

The most important issues I originally objected to which were approved nonetheless were:

- South Bowl expansion
- Mono Trees expansion
- New guest facilities with food and beverage services on top of any lifts or peaks
- Anything beyond basic guest facility (e.g. warming, bathrooms) in Rick's basin
- Dreamcatcher upgrade to a Chondola
- North boundary lift

It is particularly troubling, given the increase in nationwide occurrence of reckless ski collisions including a recent fatality at JHMR, that anyone would propose or approve of new guest facilities serving alcohol at the top of GTR ski lifts knowing the risks.

While you will note that in my original submitted comments I was supportive of some of the GTR's requests I disagree with your approval of a modified Alternative #2 and now recommend approving Alternative #1 - No Action. GTR has not proven itself to be a willing partner with the surrounding communities and wilderness and should be required to operate within its current boundaries with NO modifications other than to improve their inadequate existing guest facilities and parking.

Respectfully,
Kevin Byrne