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Comments:

When considering the Targhee expansion I look at the things that currently make Grand Targhee so appealing. One of the most unique attributes of Grand Targhee as a ski resort is that there are not permanent residences at the base. This keeps the area quieter and darker at night, allows wildlife to still have usable habitat and reduces the impact on natural resources and water sources. I feel that this resort's proximity to Wilderness and the National Parks contribute to it's uniqueness, it's wildness, but also its value. A large scale expansion without consideration of what would be compromised in the process would be a loss to our whole community. Grand Targhee is what it is because of it's close proximity to these wild places. The planning process should include how increasing population densities would impact these wild places. I am not opposed to a level of expansion, but believe it must be done in a careful, thoughtful way with not only revenue as the driving factor, but keeping intact what makes Grand Targhee truly valuable. Once we open the door to development we can not get the wild back.