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Dear Mr Bolling,

As you proceed through this EIS process pertaining to the GTR Master Development Plan, I ask that you very carefully consider the following issues when determining alternatives for final approval.

1. Those of us who live in Teton Valley have chosen to live here because of the natural beauty, the wonderful small town community, wildlife, outdoor access and rural characteristics. Pursuing a Plan as grandiose Grand Targhee's full expansion has the potential to change not only the very fabric of our community, but also to disturb key wildlife habitat. Having seen growth and expansion of numerous ski towns across the west, there is both a huge price to be paid financially, philosophically and physically. The question I ask is: Is bigger always better? Who is the beneficiary? What happens to displaced wildlife and diminished wildlife habitat? Why would we want to be just like every other ski town? What happens to the Big Horn Sheep? What is the impact on our cohesive community?

2. From the standpoint of infrastructure, I ask you to carefully look at all aspects of the impact of this expansion on our roads, valley services, such as water and sewer(which is already strained in Driggs), employee housing, hotels, etc. Such an expansion is such an all encompassing proposition.

3. The beauty and gift of wilderness is its existence, not its exploitation. I ask you to consider what advantage there is to expansion into 1000 more acres of wilderness for a commercial venture.

Thank you for thoughtfully and professionally approaching this EIS, and I look forward to all future discussions. I humbly ask you to protect this forest land and Teton Valley