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I'm writing today to express concerns regarding the proposed expansion of Grand Targhee Ski Resort. I have skied both in the resort and outside of the current resort boundaries. The current resort is an example of a ski area which fits well within an ecosystem that includes the town of Driggs, the adjacent wilderness areas of the Tetons and all those areas in between. It's a good balance of competing interests and needs. Traffic to the resort on the single road is manageable as are impacts on wildlife, and overall congestion along with the impacts on air and water quality. I do not support the proposed plan to turn the resort into a "mega-resort" along the lines of Jackson Hole just the other side of the Tetons. The impacts on the community of Driggs, the adjacent South Bowl, Teton Canyon, Mono Trees, and Jedediah Smith Wilderness will negatively impact the overall environment including wildlife, and air and water quality. It will impact the opportunity many people currently have to access areas in quiet less impactful ways such as backcountry skiing and snowshoeing. Thank you for considering my comments.