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I am writing to voice my objections to the proposed GTR Master Development Plan Projects.

My family has been homeowners in Teton Valley since 1972. Grand Targhee has been my primary location of skiing since it opened in 1969. I feel strongly that the future impacts resulting from the scale of this proposed project threaten the natural resources of this area as well as the very quality and character of life that make the Idaho side of the Tetons so special.

In the past 5 or so years, I have seen a significant increase in traffic, overcrowding on hiking/skiing trails and trailheads, and a "hot" real estate market that make affordable housing impossible for young families and essential workers. None of these are the fault of Grand Targhee Resort. Even without additional development of GTR, I expect this trend to continue. But the grandiose expansion plans proposed by GTR ownership demonstrate a strategy that relies on exploitation of public lands that may actually reduce-rather than enhance-access for locals and visitors, and overwhelm the resources of the local community.

It is my understanding that the consulting firm working with GTR and the Forest Service is the same that has pushed expansion at Vail owned Breckenridge and Stowe resorts and this concerns me that only one side of expansion- money for the owners -is all that is being represented to the Forest Service.

I urge you to deny approval of the plans outlined in the "Grand Targhee Master Development Plan Projects" and send GTR owners back to the drawing board to propose something on a more human scale. Thank you.