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I would like to go on record as opposing the GTR expansion that has been proposed.

I believe that Teton Canyon is an amazing national treasure. Putting several ski lifts and access roads into the canyon would be a tremendous impact. It will negatively effect the view shed, summer recreation, wildlife, and water quality. I can't imagine hiking in Teton Canyon and listening to the building and maintenance of roads and ski lifts. This will certainly displace wildlife that are already limited to a pretty small area. The terrain that the proposed lifts would access is also a big question. We all know that south facing terrain is seldom great skiing. In addition, the area has significant avalanche terrain that would likely need explosives to mitigate. Which would be a huge impact on the local wildlife.

I oppose any night lights as well. This community has a wonderful night sky that is appreciated by all. I believe that the light pollution would negatively effect the community and once again the wildlife. I think there are very few benefits of the night skiing and tubing. Park City UT quite night skiing because there was incredibly little usage. Targhee is higher, colder, and foggier. Not many people are going to race up there for this experience.

I understand that GT could use more dining. However, I believe that a massive restaurant at the top of each peak is extreme. I would consider giving GT the OK for one but not both.

There are also impacts that effect the entire community of Teton Valley. The expansion will hugely speed up the growth of this community. Please take a look at how other communities have been effected by the development like this. Park City is a perfect example. Locals can't afford to live there. Nobody can find employees because rent is too high. The employees that are there have to live far away which adds to an incredible traffic jam. Summer trails are overcrowded. It's not hard to imaging ski hill road backing up for miles as cars work through the one lane town of Driggs. We don't have the infrastructure to handle this. More private jets flying into the airport. This all takes a toll on the community and our collective quality of life.

In conclusion, I believe that the GTR expansion is a mistake for our natural resources and our community.