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To Whom It May Concern:

Grand Targhee was envisioned by the Teton Valley community as a local/regional ski area, one that would provide jobs and recreation for southeastern Idaho families. Until recently it was just that. In the last couple of years, the Family Ski Pass, one that enabled so many families to learn to ski and spend time together outdoors in winter, was eliminated. This makes me very sad. What is the good of growing up in a ski town and never being able to afford to ski? The bitterness grows between the 'haves' and the 'havenots'. As I read the Masterplan, I see nothing that justifies an inability of Grand Targhee Resort (GTR) to remain financially solvent. I see many promises unkept like the Peaked lift that was approved in 1994, which would give them their 602 acres of added skier terrain. GTR could improve their "bottom line" by improving their transportation plan.

GTR proposes to expand into the South Bowl. Do not give in to that request. This severely impacts the most used and enjoyed canyon in Teton Valley, Teton Canyon. If snow cat skiing is approved and moves to the South Bowl, the public will lose access to an already heavily used backcountry area. The Forest Service needs to analyze an alternative that excludes the South Bowl, as part of the Master Development Plan.

Any proposal to build a restaurant or any building on the ridge at the top of Dreamcatcher or Peaked Mountain or any ridge within the footprint is inappropriate. Ridgetop development will impact our view forever, a view that sells much of our real estate and is the very reason many of us live here. The top station of GTR is already visible from the mountains both north and south of GTR, as well as the valley floor of Teton Valley, ID.

Contain this ski resort to its present footprint. Wildlife will be adversely impacted by the Master Development Plan.

Thank you.

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