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Greetings,

Well, I imagine you are receiving a lot of comments on the proposed Grand Targhee expansion! I have numerous concerns with the proposal, in particular the lack of consideration of impacts on views, the environment and wildlife migration, and on Teton County, Idaho.

The scoping document talks about views from the east--what about views from the west!? We are talking about the Grand Tetons! Those of us on the west side of the Tetons don't want the views of the Grand Teton National Park compromised either! No more zipper looking lift lines, lights and buildings in front of the Grand Tetons please!

Teton Valley, Idaho is recognized as the most significant wildlife migration corridor of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, and much conservation work has been done to facilitate this and improve riparian areas, water quality, etc. These environmental and wildlife issues need to be considered carefully in any expansion of Targhee. What disruption would the expansion create? What already completed conservation work would be undone?

The effects on Teton County, Idaho of the proposed expansion would be numerous and HUGE. But the profit flows elsewhere! Affordable housing is already lacking here; increased demand on community services such as schools, medical care, sheriff's office (to name a few)--how would that be funded?

Do you include representatives from Teton County, Idaho and the State of Idaho in the scoping and environmental review? I sure hope so, but it isn't clear that we are included.

Looks to me like this is a project that will provide profit to a very few, as it damages what is now a public good--that national forest and the views of the Grand Teton National Park, and puts significant increased burden on Teton Valley, Idaho.

Please require very thorough review and include the appropriate parties!

And thank you for the work you do--we love our national forests!

Warm regards,

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