

Date submitted (UTC-11): 10/11/2020 12:00:00 AM

First name: Julia and Gary

Last name: Youngblood

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

Dear Forest Supervisor Bolling,

We appreciate the opportunity to provide scoping comments in response to the Notice of Intent for the Grand Targhee Master Develop Plan Projects. We have been homeowners in Teton Valley Idaho for 36 years and have had both a recreational use and an employment association with Grand Targhee Ski Resort. All of our associations with Grand Targhee Ski Resort have been positive.

Due to our long attachment to Teton County Idaho and the Caribou-Targhee National Forest we have issues we would like to see addressed as part of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) scoping process.

We would like to see scientific/numerical data on the following topics/issues addressed in the NEPA process.

1. Is there a demonstrated need, based on current use, to require expansion? Purpose of Grand Targhee Ski Resort permit?
2. Impacts to wildlife and view shed in Teton Canyon from proposed expansion.
3. Night sky and view impacts due to Resort expansion to Teton Valley Idaho.
4. Jedidiah Smith Wilderness impacts due to increased summer use from resort.
5. Overall infrastructure impacts to Teton County Idaho due to increase visitors/resort employees...housing, garbage, emergency services, traffic and roads, etc.

The above is a short list of our concerns and issues we request to be addressed in the NEPA process. We encourage the Caribou-Targhee National Forest to apply Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations in this process as clearly the process was begun prior to September 14, 2020. We have other concerns more eloquently expressed by representatives of both the Winter Wildlands Alliance and the Valley Advocates for Responsible Development. We echo their issues and concerns and request they be addressed during the NEPA process.