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Dear Mr. Boling,

The website for comments regarding the expansion of Grand Targhee Resort is currently unavailable so I will send my concerns to you in the hope you will take them into consideration.

I live in Teton County Idaho, close to the Wyoming state line, with views of the forest and the ski slopes. Elk herds regularly travel through, along with moose, deer, fox, coyotes, and the occasional bear, but you know that already. I know the safety and well being of wildlife is a primary concern of the Forest Service and the resort and I thank you. A big concern of mine is the projected size of the proposed expansion, creating a resort to rival the size of Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Teton Valley Idaho simply cannot physically support an expansion of such Grand proportions. Our small rural hospital is ill equipped to handle the current population growth and doubling the number of resort visitors could be crippling. Resort home owners and visitors depend on valley amenities for food and lodging, and those amenities require workers who are already in short supply, along with housing for those workers, which is non existent. The expansion simply puts more stress on Teton Valley Idaho than our infrastructure can handle.

Upgrades to Grand Targhee Resort are not dependent on the proposed expansion, some can be accomplished in the established footprint and still provide significant benefit to the resort owners. Please give the health, safety, and well being of Teton Valley residents their proper weight when you consider the ramifications of an expansion of such magnitude.