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Comments:

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I do not support expanding Grand Targhee Resort outside their current boundaries. Mainly because there has been no analysis performed, including an overview of species-specific and cumulative impacts, that this expansion will have on the winter wildlife range within Teton Canyon, which includes the mineral lick visited by the threatened Teton Bighorn Sheep herd.

I do not support expanding Grand Targhee Resort inside their current boundaries unless dark skies and undeveloped mountain views are protected. I also want the Forest Service to consider the impact on visual resources, like our dark quiet skies and undeveloped mountainous views. The potential impacts range far beyond concerns for wildlife and our natural resources; there are many socio-economic issues raised with the expansion proposal as well. While it has the opportunity to provide stable employment, benefits, and housing for locals, it will also significantly impact the scope, frequency, and type of visitors to our public lands, which will negatively affect traffic and parking, downstream water quality, the community character, costs of living, and energy consumption of Teton Valley. An expansion into Teton Canyon and the Mono Trees will open the area to paying resort goers and displace backcountry skiers and split boarders who currently enjoy the solitude and remoteness of these public lands.