

Date submitted (UTC-11): 10/14/2020 12:00:00 AM

First name: Ross

Last name: Collins

Organization:

Title:

Comments:

I hiked Beard's Wheatfield today and was struck by the unique beauty of the North and South Teton valley as I hiked up from the North Teton Canyon trail. It was then that I realized it would be a crime to nature to develop that area for skiing.

That said, I am a skier and believe that creating opportunities for expansion (for skiing and the many other activities that people love to do in the valley) are very important for accommodating healthy growth of the valley.

The challenge as I see it is how to balance the two needs. Perhaps the answer is to limit the growth to the South using the North Teton canyon as boundary and looking into allowing more expansion to the North.

Regardless, the expansion should be done with great care and at a rate in line with the growth of the valley.

Additionally, while I am able to see the proposed plan for expansion, I don't see a categorized list of concerns that people are raising. For example, I heard of a concern for light pollution. I had not thought of that, and it is a concern now that I've been made aware that that could be an issue and would like to learn more about what I'd expect to see in the expansion.

Thanks for addressing this issue. I fully understand the extremely difficult position you are in and appreciate the work you have put in and will have to put in to strike a balance between preserving the beauty of the valley and the recreational needs of the people that live here.