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Comments:

My husband and I are full-time residents of Driggs, Idaho. We purchased property here and choose to live here because of the views, the access to pristine wilderness, and the small town feel. The impacts of the proposed Project plan will have a direct impact on us, our property values, our community and the ecosystem we live in. I submit these comments in an effort to help Grand Targhee Resort develop in a responsible manner, but with full consideration of all environmental and community impacts, and with appropriate restrictions, controls, or disapprovals as needed. Our largest concerns are traffic on Ski Hill road, State Line road, and Hastings road, light pollution, and parking. During the summer, traffic and speeding on the roads mentioned has already increased noticeably. It is crucial to mitigate speeding in the interest of all of the mammals that use these roads. We've seen many animals hit or narrowly missed this summer (including humans, bears, moose, elk, fox, marmots). Many cars seem to treat Ski Hill road as a race course instead of obeying the 30mph speed limit. How do you plan to control speeds with increased traffic? I am also concerned about parking as this is already an issue, particularly on weekends. I don't see plans for substantially increased parking in the proposal. Finally, I urge the NFS to consider the effects of nighttime operations on light pollution. Teton Valley currently has low levels of light pollution and for the good of all life in the valley, we urge you to maintain what is one of the few areas in the country where stars are spectacular and wildlife isn't bother by light. Thank you for your consideration.