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Dear Mr. Pence,

I am writing to comment on Grand Targhee Resort Master Development Plan Projects #58258.

The Goal of the Forest Service (on the website)" is intended to help sustain forests and grasslands for present and future generation". It means the Forest Service is supposed to provide full support for wildlife, especially for endangered species, and protect their habitats. Also the Forest Service will help residents and tourists enjoying the wilderness, wildlife watching and birdwatching. The Forest Service will not approve any forest removal because forest is a shelter for animals and healthy forest is a guarantee of a constant climate.

These improvements at Grand Targhee Resort are completely opposite to the idea of sustaining forests for present and future generations. So I strongly oppose this expansion.

The Mono Trees area is a prime Canada lynx habitat. The lynx are already mostly extirpated from the area, they are covered by the Endangered Species Act. If 600 acres of the MonoTrees will be taken by this development, the dense forest cover in this area will be lost forever, lynx will be disturbed and expelled, moose will lose their shelter from predators and high temperatures. Any development into the South Bowl and Mono Trees areas will affect climate: it will be warmer, summer drought may worsen, the existing snow will melt earlier.

The new mounting biking/hiking trails for 29 miles proposed in South Bowl will significantly impact the moose population in Teton Canyon. Grizzly Bears, Wolverines, Bighorn Sheep small population, Great Grey Owls, Goshawks also will be disturbed by noise from zipline, snowmaking, tubing facilities, new roads, new skiing trails, aerial adventure course.

Hopefully, the Teton Canyon area will continue to be wilderness.

Sincerely,

Gregory Nevsky