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Geordie Gillett
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Grand Targhee Resort
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Dear Mr. Gillett,

The purpose of this letter is to respond to your letter dated May 27, 2017 that we received on September 11, 2018 and submission of the Grand Targhee Resort 2018 Master Development Plan (2018 MDP) with figures dated August 2018. We appreciate the extra efforts you and SE Group made to clarify and update figures and cat skiing information that were prepared and replaced in November/December 2018. As you are aware, an MDP is a requirement of your Special Use Permit, which has been satisfied by your submission, and will update the previous 2017 Grand Targhee MDP.

The Forest Service is required to review and coordinate with ski area permit holders to develop an MDP that encompasses the year-round resort activities envisioned for development, and to ensure that planned projects are consistent with applicable Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans). We appreciate the work you and your staff have performed in preparing your comprehensive 2018 MDP, especially your commitment and efforts in working with the Caribou-Targhee National Forest (CTNF). The 2018 MDP does an excellent job identifying the existing and desired condition for the ski area and the improvements proposed on National Forest Systems lands within, and adjacent to, your permit boundary.

The CTNF has reviewed, and hereby accepts the conceptual projects contained within the 2018 MDP. We remained concerned about wildlife and visual issues but are willing to work with you to help mitigate or address those concerns. As is noted in your 2018 MDP, specific project proposals must be submitted to initiate review and approval under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Details of these project specific proposals will also be used to make the final determination of whether or not they are consistent with pertinent Forest Plan Standards and Guidelines. Policy pertaining to the Forest Service Manual and Forest Service Handbook will also be followed during the NEPA review process.

In addition, we remain concerned about the potential increase in base amenities, parking and transportation needs the 2018 MDP may generate. We currently receive complaints related to transportation and parking and know you share our concern. We look forward to understanding and implementing the necessary ties between this 2018 MDP and your base area development.

Thank you for all that you do in providing safe and quality year-round recreational opportunities



to our forest visitors. We look forward to moving ahead with your accepted 2018 MDP and hearing back from you on your desired timeframes and project specific proposals. Please contact Teton Basin District Ranger, Jay Pence, or Winter Sports Program Manager Sean McGinness if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mel Bolling". The signature is stylized and cursive.

MEL BOLLING
Forest Supervisor

cc: Jay Pence, Teton Basin District Ranger