Solid Waste Impact & Cost Summary

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The proposed GTR expansion includes approximately 450 residential units consisting of a mix of lodges, hotels, duplexes, cabins, and single-family lots, in addition to approximately 150,000 square feet of commercial development. Teton County Public Works assumes that full buildout will occur over a period of no less than ten years and, more likely, over approximately twenty years.

The Teton County Solid Waste Department is primarily funded through two revenue sources: tipping fees and the County Solid Waste Fee. Tipping fees are assessed based on the tonnage of material delivered to the Transfer Station and generally fund the labor and operational costs associated with processing waste. The County Solid Waste Fee is assessed to all developed properties within Teton County and is intended to fund the capital development, maintenance, and long-term improvement of the Transfer Station facility.

Public Works anticipates that development of the proposed magnitude will increase the volume of residential and commercial waste delivered to the Transfer Station. Although Grand Targhee Resort will generate substantial additional waste requiring use of the County's Transfer Station, the resort is located outside the boundaries of Teton County, Idaho. As a result, the resort and its developed properties are not subject to the County Solid Waste Fee that funds capital improvements and long-term maintenance of the Transfer Station.

Operational Impacts	Capital Impacts
Funding Mechanism: Tipping Fees (assessed based on tonnage of material delivered)	**Funding Mechanism:** County Solid Waste Fee (assessed to developed properties within Teton County)
Anticipated Impact: Increased waste volume from the resort will require additional operational capacity and potentially increased staffing to process	**Anticipated Impact:** Because the resort is located outside of Teton County, it is not subject to the County Solid Waste Fee and contributes $0 to capital development, maintenance, and long-term improvements
Resolution: The increased labor and operational costs will be successfully offset by the corresponding increase in tipping fee collections from GTR	**Resolution:** Requires the establishment of a proportional "payment-in-lieu-of-fee" so the financial burden of capital improvements is equitably shared and does not fall solely on Teton County taxpayers

Because there is currently no established mechanism to recover capital costs from users located outside the County, Public Works recommends that a payment-in-lieu-of-fee methodology be developed for Wyoming users. Establishing this payment structure would ensure that the costs of future capital improvements are equitably shared.