



## **GRAND TARGHEE BIKE PARK OPENS SIGNATURE BLACK DIAMOND DOWNHILL TRAIL**

*'Rock Garden' Trail Latest in Resort's Commitment to Progression of the Tetons  
as a Premier Riding Destination*

ALTA, WY (July 10, 2015) – Grand Targhee Resort announced it will open 'Rock Garden,' a new signature black-diamond downhill mountain bike trail Saturday, July 11. The two-mile trail offers 12 advanced jumps and features, as well as a variety of technical natural terrain. Rock Garden descends 1,809 feet of elevation, the most vertical drop of any trail in the resort's bike park, making it the steepest and one of the most advanced.

"There is not a lot of riding in the area that demands a full on downhill bike, but this trail does," said Harlan Hottenstein, lead trailbuilder at Grand Targhee Resort. "An added bonus is that a lot of the trail can be seen from the chairlift, so it will be good entertainment for the scenic tourists as well."

The machine-built Rock Garden trail is Grand Targhee's eighth downhill mountain bike run, and the latest in four years of the bike program's rapid expansion. Rock Garden is also the first downhill mountain bike trail descending riders' right from the top of the Dreamcatcher chairlift. Other trails of all abilities are currently accessed via Grand Traverse, an intermediate trail and one of the resort's oldest mountain bike routes.

"We are excited to contribute to the progression of the Tetons as a premier mountain biking destination," said Ken Rider, director of marketing and sales for Grand Targhee Resort. "We have an incredible natural backdrop and world-class alpine terrain, and with our dedicated and

experienced trail crew, we'll continue to expand our downhill trail options in an effort to create a top-tier lift-served experience."

Other 2015 bike park improvements include reshaping the lower portion of Bullwinkle and a makeover for Otter Slide, both intermediate flow trails. New jumps and features have been added near the base area as well as a redesigned and relocated Pinball, a beginner skills park. Action Jackson, a new cross-country trail named in honor of the late AJ Linnell, local athlete, mountain bike racer and ski guide, opened earlier this week. Other top-to-bottom downhill trails and additional cross-country trails are being planned for 2016.

Grand Targhee Bike Park was ranked No. 2 in 2014 and No. 1 in 2013 in MTBparks.com's [Best Bike Park Riders' Choice Awards](#) for the Northwest region. Read more about MTBparks.com's initial impressions of the Rock Garden trail [here](#)(link).

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[Grand Targhee Resort](#) is a year round mountain resort situated on the western slope of the Tetons in Alta, Wyoming, accessible through Teton Valley, Idaho. Tucked among spectacular Teton views and national forest land, Grand Targhee is an intimate summer getaway for adventure-seekers, with miles of lift-accessed [mountain biking](#) and [hiking and running](#) trails, renowned [music festivals](#) and a variety of [activities](#) in a pristine high alpine environment. During the winter, the abundance of [light powder snow](#) (more than 500 inches annually) and virtual lack of lift lines creates an uncrowded skier and snowboarder paradise, continually recognized for great snow, genuine western hospitality, scenic beauty and excellent value. Grand Targhee is excited to announce the Grand Targhee Bike Park was named the No. 2 Best Bike Park in the Northwest for 2014, and No. 1 Best Bike Park in the Northwest for 2013 by MTBParks.com readers in the annual Best Bike Parks Riders' Choice Awards. For more information, please visit our website at [grandtarghee.com](http://grandtarghee.com).

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