

September 28th, 2026

Secretary Doug Burgum
U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW, Washington
DC 20240

Re: Major League Baseball game in Grand Teton National Park

Secretary Burgum:

On behalf of the community of Jackson Hole and Teton County, Wyoming, we write to express our strong opposition to the proposal to build temporary facilities and host a Major League Baseball game in Grand Teton National Park.

A national park is not merely a scenic backdrop—it is a protected space dedicated to preserving natural resources, safeguarding wildlife, maintaining ecological integrity, and serving the public through conservation-minded stewardship. Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Park both embody these values. The park's wildlife, habitats, and visitor experience depend on minimal disruption and careful protection of sensitive ecosystems.

We are concerned that staging a Major League Baseball event in the park would require substantial construction and land disturbance, increased vehicle traffic, and large-scale operations that are incompatible with the purpose of a national park. Even temporary infrastructure can create lasting impacts through habitat fragmentation, noise and light disturbances, increased human presence in wildlife areas, and strain on park resources. The proposal also risks setting a precedent that major commercial entertainment should occur within protected boundaries rather than in appropriate venues designed for such events.

For our community and businesses, the park is central to both ecological health and quality of life. We urge decisionmakers to prioritize non-intrusive, conservation-centered opportunities that respect the park's mission and the protection of wildlife and natural spaces. Events especially those requiring heavy development and large crowds should not compromise the environmental standards that make national parks essential.

We respectfully request that the National Park Service reject this proposal and instead direct any event planning, if pursued at all, toward venues outside Grand Teton National Park that can accommodate large-scale operations without undermining the park's protected status.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your commitment to protecting Grand Teton National Park for future generations.

Sincerely,

Town Council Town of Jackson, Wyoming
Mayor Arne Jorgenson

Teton County Commissioners, Teton County Wyoming
Commission Chair Mark Newcomb

Jackson Hole Chamber of Commerce
President / CEO Rick Howe