

May 22, 2020

Connie Cummins
Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest
c/o Michael Jimenez, Project Leader
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Re: Comments on the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to support the proposed expansion. I have lived in Cook County for 30 years and am keenly aware of the economic impact Lutsen Mountains has on our entire county and even Lake county. A substantial percentage of lodging and rental units in the area are completely dependent on the activities at Lutsen Mountains. Furthermore, many spin off businesses are largely dependent on the same activity.

More significantly, they are one of the largest employers in the area drawing employees from all over Northern Minnesota.

In my experience, Lutsen Mountains has been an exemplary business. Their operations are well run and operate with integrity.

Lastly, I know them to be excellent stewards of the land. They realize that the health and natural beauty of the area is critical for it being an excellent destination for people all over the Midwest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Summers". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the typed name and address.

Mark Summers
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