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Connie Cummins
Forest Supervisor, Superior National Forest

c/o Michael Jimenez, Project Leader
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Dear Connie Cummins:

Please accept this letter of support for the Lutsen Ski Area Expansion Project. I am writing this letter as a community member who has served in many leadership roles in Cook County and currently serve as Board Chair of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. My statements represent my individual thoughts and not that of the County Board.

Lutsen Mountain has been a strong and responsible economic engine for our area for many decades. It is by far the most significant tourist economy in our area for the winter season, employing hundreds, and also helps other business entities keep more employees through the winter season. The housing and business development which is associated with the area contributes significantly to our tax base. Further expansion should also stimulate more real estate and business development, which will further support county services.

I have reviewed the project proposal and support the environmental planning and mitigation of erosion measures. I believe that this project provides an opportunity to achieve the recreation goals outlined in the Superior NF land management plan as I understand it. I also support this based upon the

information I have received for efforts being made to be respectful and accommodating to the 1854 Treaty rights of our involved Indian tribes. It is with hope that all interest groups can support and welcome this expansion project necessary for future ski tourism sustainability in our area.

Sincerely,

Myron Bursheim (submitted by email, mbursheim@boreal.org)