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Constance Cummins
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Dear Supervisor Cummins:

RE: LUTSEN MOUNTAINS EXPANSION DEIS

Dear Supervisor Cummins:

I am writing comments in support of the Lutsen Mountain Ski Area Expansion proposal.

Allowing the expansion to proceed would fit into the management plan of the Superior National Forest to allow recreational uses within the boundaries. Over the years the USFS has worked in Cook County with diverse groups to use USFS lands for ATV's, snowmobiling, cross country skiing and hunting. Many of these groups don't like the use of another. However, the USFS has always been objective and fair to each group. The USFS should also work with Lutsen Mountains on their expansion proposal. As a resort owner, I can attest that the winter economy is dependent on the success of Lutsen Mountains operations. Our resort would have cash flow problems if not for the existence of Lutsen Mountains.

Specifically, I support Alternative 2. One point of discussion with Lutsen Mountains would be for Lutsen Mountains to share in the cost of the relocation, if necessary, of the Superior Hiking Trail. The impact of development on the Rollins Creek watershed will be mitigated by several good management practices including building berms to divert and retain water on the slopes and bottom of the ski runs.

Thank you for accepting my comments.

Respectfully submitted,



Bruce Martinson