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Hello,

I am writing in response to a project to commercialize land on which rights were granted to the Grande Portage and Bois Forte bands under the 1854 Treaty of La Pointe.

I wish all skiers well this winter. It is a welcome outdoor sport in our pandemic times. That said, the peoples who are guaranteed rights in this treaty also deserve land on which to hunt, fish and worship. The trees that would be lost here would be felled for skiers who may come to this place once or twice a year. The pleasure is a transitory one. And peace will be gone for other users of the land.

Why not take pleasure in turning a new page in our history?
Celebrating the diversity of the spiritual traditions in our forests?
Why not preserve groves where one can walk for free and which take no petrol energy to run? Which give a home to songbirds and squirrels as well as man? Which can cure illness?

I urge you to dialogue with Native representatives and with the resort to find a solution which is clean, traditional and honorable.

All the best in the snowy season,

Elizabeth Cullinane