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As a local artist and outdoor enthusiast in the Downtown Lutsen Business District, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your advocacy of the Lutsen Mountain Ski area expansion.

Also as a representative of the Downtown Lutsen Business Group I would like to emphasize the importance of this project from several viewpoints.

* Interest in skiing and biking in Cook County has been growing steadily in recent years
* Cook County depends on recreational tourism as an economic engine providing countless jobs
* The additional footprint to the Ski Mountain is relatively small
* The preliminary layout avoids old growth and is conscious of wildlife and environmental habitats
* Respect for Tribal lands is also being considered
* The “get out and play” initiative makes Minnesotans and our visitors healthier; physically and spiritually.

Thank you for considering my support

Greg Mueller