

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2308

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Constance Cummins
Forest Supervisor
Superior National Forest
8901 Grand Avenue Place
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Dear Supervisor Cummins:

Thank you for your leadership of the Superior National Forest (SNF). The SNF is the cornerstone of many communities in northern Minnesota, providing jobs in mining, logging, tourism, and other industries. I write today in support of the Lutsen Mountains' proposed Special Use Permit. The Lutsen Mountains are a key driver of economic activity in the area, drawing thousands every year to ski and partake in other outdoor activities year-round.

Lutsen Mountains' Special Use Permit is crucial. As you know, the area is surrounded by U.S. Forest System land, eliminating any opportunity for expansion onto private or non-federal land. The proposed expansion is entirely in line with the "recreational use" designation of this area of the SNF and is consistent with the U.S. Forest Service's mission to meet the needs of present and future generations.

Furthermore, Lutsen Mountains are a key economic contributor in a region partially reliant on tourism. Lutsen Mountains are a significant employer while attracting tourists nationwide to world-class skiing, golfing, canoeing, biking, and countless other outdoor opportunities. Expansion of the Special Use Permit will allow this business to grow and remain competitive with nationwide tourism attractions.

Thank you again for your enduring commitment to the SNF. I fully support expanding Lutsen Mountains' proposed Special Use Permit.

Sincerely,



Pete Stauber
Member of Congress