

December 3, 2021

Re: Lutsen Mountains Expansion DEIS

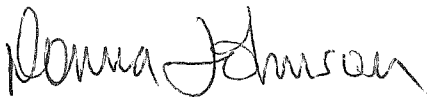
I live in Bloomington, not northern Minnesota, but I take pride in our state's precious outdoor spaces and feel that they should be protected for the use of all people and not be surrendered to private interests. Please don't approve the expansion of Lutsen Mountains ski resort into our Superior National Forest.

I feel strongly that the 1854 Treaty with the Chippewa has to be honored. We should not betray the legal contract that granted them the right to utilize the land that they agreed to cede.

It seems that winter recreational activities face an uncertain future as our winters continue to warm. The destruction of even a small part of our remaining northern forest in order to extend a ski area that might struggle to survive seems a very short sighted thing to do.

Many of our boreal birds are declining. The evening grosbeak has declined by as much as 90% since the 1970s. Loss of habitat, due in part to clearance for winter recreational activities, is a factor. It's a factor in the decline of some of our native mammals as well.

Please, before it's too late, take a stand against the threats to the Superior National Forest and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Deny the proposed expansion of Lutsen Mountains ski area.



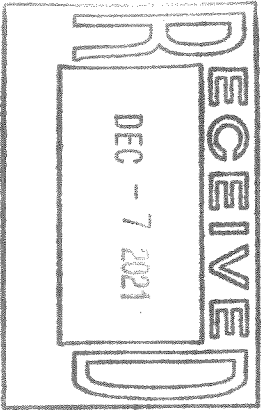
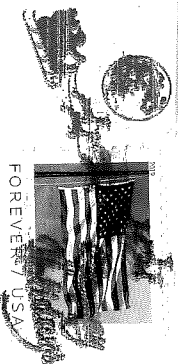
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