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Greetings District Ranger Bogardus-Syzmaniak,

I am asking you to oppose the expansion of the Lutsen Mt. ski area. Our forests in NE MN are already struggling to maintain health and instead of cutting healthy forests down and replanting we need to be doing all we can to maintain what we have while replanting areas that have died.

As an avid Sugarbush Nordic skier and hiker in NE MN I can attest to the fact of climate change shortening the winters. It makes no sense to cut down forests for a ski season that will become more and more threatened by warm weather.

With the lack of snow,, or snow falling and melting, it means that more snow has to be artificially made, which means taking water out of the river. That has many effects on the water flow and health of the ecosystem also.

I am not a scientist but I know enough to know that effects ripple all the way down the ecosystem. This expansion is not about maintaining a healthy ecosystem but is more about encouraging a unsustainable life choice.

Please don't put a seal of approval on this project. Thank you.

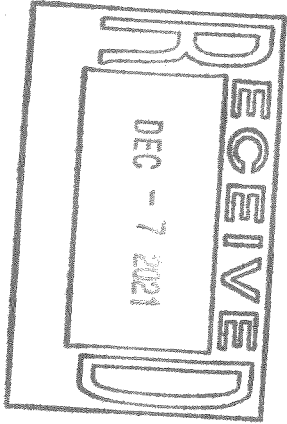
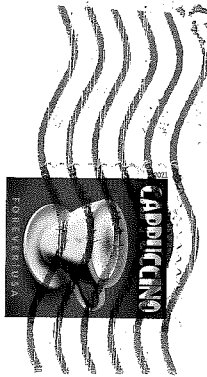
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