

624 Caribou Trail
Lutsen, MN 55612-95
December 3, 2021

Michael Jimenez, Project Leader: Lutsen DEIS Project
Superior National Forest
8901 Grand Avenue Place
Duluth, MN 55808

Re: Lutsen Mountains expansion DEIS

Dear Mr. Jimenez:

I am torn between being against a massive cutting of trees and Lutsen Resorts expansion plans.

Please remember that this proposed tree cutting would transect an important bird migratory flyway. There are plenty of bird, and other wildlife, watchers (including my husband and myself) in the Lutsen area. The acclaimed science writer Rachel Carson warned that taking out even one species will effect all species up and down the web of life in a given place.

On the other hand, I want to be flexible and understand the expansion plans of Lutsen Resort. Many times in the past, my family stayed at Lutsen Resort and skied the slopes. The whole atmosphere there was one of friendliness and welcome — not to be found elsewhere. We made some enduring friendships — perhaps smaller is better.

Finally, I hope that an alternate plan can be reached so not as many trees would need to be felled.

Sorry no computer. Thank you,

Suzanne Steinhausen