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Lutsen Ski Expansion Proposal

Please preserve the current established cross-country Ski trail that runs through the lower portion of the project area;it is maintained and groomed by the Norpine Trail Association and receives yearly State of Minnesota Grant-In- Aid (GIA) support as well as Cook County local funding through annual grants from the Lutsen-Tofte Tourism Association(LTTA). This trail segment is the western access to 57 km of groomed Norpine Ski trails;it is the immediate access for the public from Ski Hill Road to the extensive Lutsen State Natural and Scenic Area (SNA)which the trail traverses after leaving the project/USFS area toward the east/northeast.Both arms of the trail should be maintained,from the Boulder Point Road origin at the southwest corner of the USFS parcel as well as the segment from the Ski Hill Road trailhead. These two segments meet in the USFS parcels eastern border area shortly before entering the SNA.

Thank you for your attention to this community resource.

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