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Comments: I are writing today to provide my input on the Forest Service proposed Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion project.

As a longtime resident of Cook County, I grew up in Lutsen virtually on the slopes of the ski area. I also am very engaged in the many outdoor recreation opportunities that are available within the Superior National Forest. Having grown up skiing at Lutsen Mountains, I am so excited about the possible opportunity to expand. Not only will the expansion providing additional terrain, more diversity, and more amenities. It will also provide an opportunity to create more jobs in our small community. Summer is when we see the largest numbers of visitation, in an ideal world, it would be great to have more reasons to convert summer visitors to winter to help diversify and spread out the number of visitors. Competition for winter vacations is fierce and Lutsen needs to employ any resource to enhance it's competitive edge.

The overall plan is exciting. It will enhance not only my skiing experience but anyone who choses to make a trip to the region. I believe it is a great use of the existing Superior National Forest land that is otherwise underutilized. I am very much supportive of this project.