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Comments: This project increases the acreage of ski terrain for Lutsen by over 300%; even over a long time frame (10-20 years) an expansion of this size is unreasonable due to the sheer amount of coordination it would need and due to the many other issues that may come up in expanding a project like this.

Also, especially if all these expanded areas require snow making, that is a huge amount of water used. Starting with a smaller expansion, say only the Eagle Mountain portion, would allow a better estimate of future water needs. Neither water usage nor how usage will change due to the effects of climate change on snow conditions were figured into this plan and they need to be.

Another thing that needs to be considered in this plan is the traffic impact on 61; this will cause many more people to be turning in and out on that highway and could increase collision risk

Finally, with an expansion of this size in an ecologically delicate area, I worry about habitat fragmentation and the effects of an expansion such as this on local flora and fauna. If this massive expansion is to go through, it needs to have the impacts on wildlife, traffic usage, and water usage (considering climate change) studied first.