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Dear Ms. Cummins,

I have served as the president of the Lutsen Tofte Tourism Association for over 15 years. I am also a business owner and community resident of Lutsen MN.

At a meeting of the Lutsen Tofte Tourism Association which took place on May 20th, a motion of support was approved by the board of directors. With that motion accepted and on behalf of the Lutsen Tofte Tourism, I would like to offer support for the USFS land expansion by Lutsen Mountains onto Superior Forest land. Winter has always been a challenging time for business and in the winter, our tourism economy depends greatly on Lutsen Mountains in bringing our guests to the North Shore and to enjoy our outdoor skiing experience. This expansion will bring additional tourism to our area. The expansion will allow for the provision of additional jobs and also new revenue.

We think this project will be great for our community. This expansion onto a small piece of public lands will allow for great economic impact. In addition, Lutsen Mountains has been an exceptional member of our business community since the 1960s.

With respect, we support the approval of the expansion.

Mike Larson
President
Lutsen Tofte Tourism Association