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Comments: Good Evening,

First off, thanks for giving me the opportunity to comment. I am on the Board of Superior Highland Backcountry, an organization that is opposed to the LMC proposed expansion. No doubt you are aware of this organization and their stance on this project. Even if I wasn't a member of this organization, I would still be opposed to this project. I write this letter more as a concerned citizen. I did read the materials provided through SHB and agree with their contents.

I am a property owner in Cook County. I have skied at Lutsen more times than I can count and have always enjoyed my experiences and time there. I have nothing against Lutsen.

My concern for the project is that it forever removes from the public the opportunity to experience what many skiers all over the world love; the chance to explore skiable terrain on your own. As we are all too aware, Minnesota may have an over abundance of gorgeous lakes, each with its own mystique and beauty, but we are not so blessed in vertical terrain.

Expanding and opening up terrain in this proposed project wouldn't add a new experience to the typical skier who skis at Lutsen. Preserving some terrain for those who prefer to ski down and skin up would. Similar to the Picnic Loop and the trails in Sugarbush, the opportunity to ski in this fashion would be a real draw to skiers of all abilities and from all parts of Minnesota.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John Wood