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I am writing today to provide comment on the Forest Service proposed Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion project.

We don't live in northern Minnesota, but love visiting and have been skiing the area for many years. We have enjoyed skiing at Lutsen Mountains and are thrilled that the Forest Service is considering using a very small portion of the Superior National Forest to enhance the downhill skiing opportunities in the Midwest area of our country. We are very supportive of this project and think it will provide tremendous recreation opportunities to the general public with minimal effects on the natural landscape.

I am very excited about the enhanced recreational experiences that this expansion will bring. I also believe the way that it is proposed will have little negative impact on the environment.

I believe this will help improve the local economy and reduce people's desire to travel further distances to go skiing like in western US and Canada. This will also reduce the overall global environmental impact with less travel required to access a world class resort.

Thank you,

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