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Comments: Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project

Dear Supervisor Constance Cummins,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit comments regarding the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project.

As a long time resident of the North shore and avid skier I feel that the Superior National Forest should not grant Lutsen Mountain Corporation a Special Use Permit to expand into Forest Service land. My main concerns center around the clear cutting of 175 acres of forest for groomed trails and the amount of water required for snow making. A better alternative for expanding skiing on the North shore would be to preserve that area for backcountry skiing. This form of skiing is becoming more popular and is far more environmentally

Sincerely,

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