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Comments: Comments on the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project

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

I am owner of Voyageur Canoe Outfitters, a resort and canoe outfitter in Cook County. I believe this expansion will bring additional tourism to our area which not only provides local jobs, but also new revenues. Having a winter economy helps us as a seasonal employer as we tend to share employees with the ski industry. We think this project will be great for our community and the economy. We can't think of a better use of a very small piece of our public lands on the Superior NF.

I am very supportive of the project objectives and agree with the Forest Service that this project provides an opportunity to achieve the recreation goals outlined in the Superior NF land management plan. Expanding Lutsen on a small portion of the national forest also enhances socio-economic benefits to our county.

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