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To Whom it May Concern -

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

As a longtime resident of Cook County and former employee of Lutsen Mountains Cooperation, my livelihood relies, in part, on the tourism that Lutsen Mountains affords Cook County's many visitors. While I no longer work for Lutsen Mountains Cooperation, my livelihood is dependent on tourism in Cook County, of which Lutsen Mountains is a major, year-round contributor toward. I grew up skiing at Lutsen Mountains, and cannot wait to have my child start skiing there. I consider Lutsen Mountains to be a major benefit of living here and utilize it frequently as a source of recreation.

The proposed expansion is very exciting to see, as I have been hoping to see Lutsen Mountains provide additional terrain for many years. Providing additional skiable terrain and more amenities, in a safe, systematic, and economically viable manner will be a tremendous asset to our community.

Since this project's inception, I have been reading as much as I can about it's proposal. I am extremely cautious of developing the area surrounding Lutsen Mountains, however, after reading the plan, I am convinced that issuing a special use permit for the proposed expansion would be in our area's socio-economic interest and can be completed in a way that is environmentally and economically sustainable.

Thank you very much, and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

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