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Comments: Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project

I am writing to encourage the adoption of SHTA's proposed reroute due to the anticipated Lutsen Mountain expansion. I am a long distance hiker, and have written a book about my 2,700-mile trek on the Pacific Crest Trail. I've hiked long distance in Turkey, in the Arctic, and all over North America. I am looking forward to hiking the Superior Hiking Trail this summer, pending pandemic-related restrictions. Long distance hiking is appealing because the remote and wild feeling that can be had. It's an experience like no other, and one that draws many people to the North Shore every year. Minnesota is unique in the Midwest to be able to boast such a high-quality trail. Hiking and skiing should coexist peacefully in Minnesota, they are two outdoor activities that Minnesotans love. They are both worth investing in. The investment you make now in a high-quality reroute of the SHT will benefit many generations to come, and maintain our legacy of outdoor recreation like no other in the Midwest. Thank you for your consideration.

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