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Comments: Concern about Lutsen Ski Special Use Permit for Expansion

Hello,

While the SUP for Lutsen Ski is nice for that one company, it provides a precedent for other companies who want to use USFS land for their own playground and income at the expense of less publicly owned land being accessible to the tax payers. The access near Highway 61 in that part of Minnesota is heavily used by hunters and hikers as well as ATV users and mountain bikers. Limiting it by allowing one company to control that much land is not a good precedent to set and would likely be indefensible in court by other companies who want to take over large swaths of the forest. The land is at a premium for people who want to build cabins already, for instance. What is to prevent me or anyone else with a small company from deciding I need a SUP to "use" USFS land for my personal enjoyment? If a ski company can do it to make money, why not form a conglomerate of 100 families who want to "use" a few hundred acres as our own dedicated playground? I'd love to just take a few acres and throw a cabin on it. What will large companies do? Please, do not allow this. Skiing is a sport for the few. If they can't make enough money with what land they have, expanding land only expands their expenses...not their revenue base. People who ski in the mountains of Colorado do so because they can afford it, not because Lutsen doesn't have enough runs or space. Sounds like bad business. And why take away access from the rest of us?