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Comments: Lutsen Mountain expansion plan

To Whom It May Concern:

I am emailing today to voice my support of the proposed expansion of the Lutsen Mountain Resort. I have been enjoying the Lutsen Mountain facilities with staff for decades and I can easily say that they are among the best stewards of the environment. Even though they are not a huge, multi-million dollar conglomerate, with endless streams of cash to provide mountain improvements, they are very quick to address and/or maintain the facility infrastructure and the mountain/grounds itself whenever the need arises. Despite their small size, they are on par with the quality of experience as any ski resort in the Western United States, and they provide a nice taste of big mountain skiing for those of us in Midwest who can no longer afford the massively expensive trips out to Colorado or Utah.

In simple terms, Lutsen is a gem. It's a needed service in Northern Minnesota, and they have never done anything but protect the forest, groundwater and foliage that surrounds them, and there is no reason to believe that fact would change if the proposed expansion becomes reality. And this goes for both summer and winter operations up there.

So I highly support any endeavors they have to improve the mountain experience for those of us who ski, and would suggest that you help guide these efforts in a supportive way as the proposal process moves along.

Warm regards from this moderately excited skier,

Dr. Doug Green Blaine, MN