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Comments: I would like to express my opinion in favor of granting the SUP for Lutsen Mountains to expand skiable area. However, I think it is very important that this is done in a way that will minimize the impact to wildlife, minimize the disruption of natural scenic views, and respect the rights and views of Native Americans who this land was stolen from.

With that said, I think increasing the skiable area and drawing in more visitors is a net positive for the national forests. Getting people out into the wilderness who would otherwise not come to an area like this is important. Being in and around the beauty of the national forest really makes an impact on people. Even if it is viewing it from a developed ski trail, chalet, or even on the drive up or down highway 61. I strongly believe this slowly but surely creates more interest in the natural Beauty of our land, the outdoors in general, and therefore the conservation of these lands, the animals that live off of them, and the planet in general.

I do not have a preferred alternate option currently As a skier, I like the terrain option 2 provides better, but if the negative impact to wildlife and habitat is disproportionately higher in that option than option 3, I can see why concessions would be made.