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Comments: Re: Lutsen Mountain Ski Area Expansion Project

Being a resident of MN for over 45 years I have skied almost every ski area in the upper midwest. In addition, my wife and two sons grew up and learned how to ski here. We are in favor of the Lutsen Mountain expansion for many reasons but primarily to allow residents of our state to enjoy and have access to our natural resources, connect with nature's beauty, and provide space for people of all ages to get outdoors.

Yes, we could get on an airplane or drive for a thousand miles to go out west to "their" mountains but doesn't it make more sense environmentally to stay closer to home? Lutsen is "our" mountain and with this expansion it will guarantee thousands of our state residents a year round outdoor connection for many generations.

I have reviewed the proposal and by offering alternatives it should provide the US Forest Service the options to make a reasonable decision.

Thank you for listening.