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Comments: I used to be a skier but the rising cost of a day's enjoyment, the periods of sub zero temperatures, and the winters of spotty snowfall all gradually dampened my enthusiasm for skiing in at Lutsen Mountain. In contrast, the skiing out West was much more appealing with its longer runs, more temperate weather and better night life. Expanding Lutsen Mountain is a no-go situation. It won't attract more people than it does now. It simply does not offer that much appeal as compared with Rocky Mountain resorts. Not even close for the cost. And then there's the issue of staffing in an area struggling with staffing shortages even during summer. And the taxpayer will be asked to build housing for whatever staffing can be mustered. The taxpayer will be asked to subsidize the "brown years" when there is no snow. The taxpayer will be required to subsidize adequate water supply which even now turns out to be an issue in the existing development. And the population of Cook County will sacrifice wild and beautiful forest land to the ridiculous White Elephant this whole venture will become. I urge the Forest Service to quash this unrealistic business venture/cash grab scheme.