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Comments: As a Minnesotan who visits this area each year I think it would be a shame to lose any of the natural resources to a private enterprise. Keeping some of our lands natural and free from development is important for our climate, wildlife, and us as people. A few thousand privileged people who want to ski for a small part of the year is not a reason to lose the forests. Please keep this public (and, truly, native) lands intact for future generations. The ski area as it is is fine for the limited season, which seems to be shorter every year with climate change. These trees, which are home to animals and insects, and resources to the Native community need to be left as is. The beauty of this area is that it's undeveloped and natural -and there are far too few of those left.