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Comments: I strongly urge you to reject the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion proposal. Adding ski runs to this area would have a significant and irreparable impact on the appearance of the area, which has been designated for "Recreation Use in a Scenic Landscape" by the SNF. The purpose of protected public lands is to preserve the natural beauty and the ecological balance of lands while granting access to the public for appropriate uses. Granting a private entity special use to conduct destructive business and limit access to publicly held lands flies in the face of the core mission of the NFS. While I'm sympathetic to the situation that Lutsen faces, they need to focus on innovation, not expansion into public lands, to keep their business afloat.