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Comments: For your consideration, please accept this letter of strong support of the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project #52440. As north shore business owner and a life-long resident of Silver Bay, I understand the importance of continuing to draw visitors to the area and building commerce as many local business are greatly impacted by the flow of tourism. An expansion of the Lutsen Mountains Ski Area is a fantastic project which would help our local economy by attracting more people and generating revenue for our communities and also by providing additional employment opportunities. A strong local economy is essential for the success of our businesses and the Lutsen Ski Area is a pivotal attraction so an expansion would help promote economic vitality.