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Comments: As a skier and future resident who just bought a lot in Lutsen near the resort, I am deeply concerned with the proposed changes by Lutsen Ski Resort and oppose any expansion of Lutsen Mountains Ski areas onto public forest land.

It should be kept for free public use, like backcountry skiing and hiking. Pristine nature and clear water attract more diverse tourists than just mountain skiers and bring more business/money to the local community.

Here are a few of my concerns:

1 Negative scenery impact is underestimated for the few unspoiled views we have left. The famous view from Oberg Mountain towards Moose Mountain will be ruined, so this part of this SHT trail may not be attractive to visitors who come to admire the famous color season view undisturbed by any human-made objects.

2 The large piece of natural landscapes of Superior Forest Land will be lost to the next generations forever. Soil erosion and water run-off from artificial snow (in addition to using tons of water from Late Superior) will negatively affect all ecosystems.

3 HWY 61 traffic and noise will be increased.

4 Relocation of the SHT is being passed along to SHTA, a nonprofit entity that provides free recreational access to public land, to make room for a fee-based, for-profit's access to public land.

5 Lack of affordable housing for more than 200 new lower-wage seasonal workers and county infrastructure to support this increase.

6 The expansion will add stress to the local electric grid even more during winter peak loads. According to the Arrowhead Electric estimate, the new substation would cost the whole community(not the Ski resort!) about $2 million to build.

7 The number of skiers will likely not be increased with the improvements as estimated. Nationally, it has been declining for decades due to demographic changes, high costs, national and local competition.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project!

Anna P