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Comments: I ask that the USFS only move forward if the SHTA has a seat at the table to determine a win-win for all involved moving forward. I can say with confidence, I look to the Superior Hiking Trail for a natural experience. I have never said, nor have I ever heard, anyone say they are looking forward to hiking through the for-profit on public land ski resort. However, I and many others look forward to stepping away from developed areas and appreciating the natural landscapes and rugged and simplistic beauty the SHT has to offer. I am not against ski hill expansion, but I ask to work together with SHTA leadership to come up with a trail reroute that remains consistent with the rugged and natural beauty the trail currently provides. Please remember, the SHT is a very popular hiking trail, it is well known, it attracts great people to the north shore from across the country, is vital to local economies stretching from Duluth to Grand Portage, and it deserves a placemat at the table. Thank you for your consideration.