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Comments: We are 100% for the expansion of Lutsen Mountain Resort if done responsibly and with the environment impacted as minimally as possible at all stages - - and once completed. Lutsen Mountain Ski Hill and Resort is the reason our family first came to this area. The good things we experienced and saw happening in Lutsen and beyond - - up to Grand Marais and the Gunflint Trail - - is what kept us coming back year after year. We are now homeowners and own a small business that came to exist and be a company doing business on the North Shore because of the prospect of continued positive tourism and outdoor recreation opportunities. The NIMBY nay-sayers are seemingly also come-lately people and entities that want to prevent change and limit growth on the North Shore for purposes that seem selfish and short-sighted. This is an area of vast expanse and relatively unexploited and unused acres that can withstand the proposed expansion. The ski hill is presently very modest by national ski hill standards. It's time to expand and this is an opportunity for this area that should not be missed. The state and county are fortunate that there is an entity willing to gamble on such growth that will impact the greater good. What if Highway 61 was not built? No commercial planes or boats to Isle Royale? No resort permits or liquor or food licenses up the Gunflint or in Grand Marais? Very few of the opponents of this project would be living the good life in Cook County and making a living off of tourism. Build it. They will come. Generations in the future will continue to appreciate and respect this area. And they will enjoy it immensely. There is enough water and forest and land and time for thoughtful planning to sustain.