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Comments: I oppose the expansion of the Lutsen ski area without full relocation and subsidy by the resort or state to relocate the SHT sections impacted. I have enjoyed skiing at Lutsen ski area for 40 years and want to see the resort be successful. I am also a donor to and person who takes great pride and enjoyment in our SHT. There are so many other areas SHT donations need to be prioritized for (trail maintenance, private land disputes, environmental protection). I do mot feel the SHT non-profit should have to fund rerouting a trail as a result of a for-profit resort benefitting from access to public lands. The seasons of skiing and trail use should enable a compromise. If not, I would oppose the state giving forest land to expand a for-profit resort leaving the cost and problem to solve to a non-profit that has such a positive impact on our state and region!