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Comments: I'm submitting a second comment to be sure my concern is clear. I believe the DEIS needs to address how Wilderness Character is affected by Alternatives 1, 2 & 3.

Eagle Mountain is within sight of the proposed actions and winter nighttime operations such as: security and interior lights on constructed buildings, automobile lights traveling on proposed roads, snow making operations, snow-cat grooming and nighttime skiing events will be visible to winter visitors camping on Eagle Mountain. Besides the direct lighting that will be visible, the ambient lighting (glow) will be visible from the Wilderness.

The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) needs to be included in 3.1.2 Affected Environment and the 3.1.3 Direct and Indirect Environmental Consequences needs to be analyzed. Especially in terms of the artificial light that will be projected from the project area into the BWCAW.

The Forest Service has a responsibility to examine the proposed alternatives because the Wilderness is designated as an International Dark Sky Sanctuary.

The DEIS is INCOMPLETE without measuring the effects of these proposals within the Wilderness and considering the impacts on dark skies. Please consider the BWCAW in the Affected Environment section of the DEIS.

Although my past camping experiences on Eagle Mountain were many years ago, this premier wilderness experience (winter camping on Minnesota's highest point)should present the same character as I recall "No Artificial Lights Were Visible".

There may be mitigations that could be explored to re project artificial lighting or perhaps to use lenses which filter light and not allow it to leave the operations area. Technology likely has provided these solutions that could be implemented and monitored.