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Comments: I support the issuance of a Special Use Permit to Lutsen Mountain Company as proposed in Alternative 2. The present footprint on only private land limits the availability of recreation to skiers and snowboard enthusiasts. As a destination ski area in a remote area of the country the value and opportunity to experience varying terrain and ski conditions would be enhanced with the approval of alternative 2. Western United State ski areas typically involve expansive use of US Forest Service land, the approval of this type of use will add opportunities in the Midwest. I prefer alternative 2, to alternative 3 because of the additional acreage dedicated to expert terrain.

I appreciate the thoughtful approach the USFS and consultants have implemented in the preparation of the NEPA review.

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