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Comments: I'm in support of the Lutsen expansion and have been a 40 year member of the National Ski Patrol outside of the Lutsen area Patrol. I've also watched development at Lutsen and been a skiing customer at the Lutsen area for the past 40 years. Lutsen and Moose Mountain needs development to remain a viable skiing destination in MN.

In my opinion it would be better to select the expansion on Moose with the backside of the Moose Mtn. than that of the 2nd alternate expansion that only adds more beginner area without backside of Moose that are more than adequately covered by Mystery, Ullr, and a good portion of Eagle Mtn in addition to that Eagle Mtn beginner development is proposed for the beginner and lower intermediate skill levels. There are far fewer beginner skiers at Lutsen than skill levels at intermediate or above for boarder and skier skill levels.

It is vital that proper snow making is available for expansion because snowfall for seasonal days is not predictable in this region for making a business case for the Lutsen ownership without proper snowmaking to lengthen the ski season.

It is doubtful to me that this development really has any substantial environmental impact as it is a rather isolate area of MN and that it is largely only seeing customer visits in the winter season, with the much higher costs of supplementing water source from Lake Superior than from the Poplar River, that really already helps protect that watershed lifeforms. The water melt finds its way back to Superior and may help springtime flow rates to a degree.

Although the jobs presented in the long run to the local region is limited, it does present a minor improvement for more worker opportunities that what is already in the region of the state, so a detrimental impact from a larger long term work force because of this expansion and associated emissions is low risk.

Because it is in effect 6 hours away from Twin Cities, Lutsen doesn't usually attract the avid Western US resort skier/boarders as they are so close to MSP and have more dollars to spend from than many skiers that do decide to target Lutsen as a destination resort, so in my opinion there will not be a large upswing of visits and traffic being diverted from Western Ski areas to Lutsen from the Twin Cities, if that is a worry of the US Forest Service. Visits are from Thunder Bay area and primarily MN, WI, and some from Chicago area and they are not typically season pass holders. Lutsen is not that well known outside of the upper Midwest because of its remoteness.

Respectfully submitted in support of the 1st alternative option with Moose Mtn development expansion on the north and NW and SE sides of Moose.