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Comments: I am opposed to the Lutsen Ski Area expansion for these reasons:

The use of public lands for private gain

The environmental impacts of the elimination of old growth forests, wildlife habitat for threatened and endangered species present in the proposed area, wetlands and streams,

The impact of disease and invasive species on a weakened forest

Increased drainage of Lake Superior water for private company use/gain

Increase in traffic and needs for Further expansion of hwy 61

Unstudied impacts of Snomax on the watershed

Potential impacts depend too much on the Lutsen Ski Areas being responsible stewards of the environment

Soil erosion

Impacts to indigenous people

Potential Financial impacts to low income residents of cook county with increasing costs due to influx of high income tourists

Light pollution

Individually, the impact analysis specified in the technical reports may appear small but together they will greatly weaken an already weakened ecosystem. The beauty and enjoyment of Lutsen is the abundant forests and natural spaces. Let Lutsen Ski Area reach its desired goals using its own private land.

Thank you for consideration