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Comments: I am writing to urge that you please deny the Special Use Permit for the Lutsen Mountains Corp. Ski Resort Expansion Project and adopt the No Action alternative.

The area we, as Minnesotans, have come to call the North Shore has been slipping over the last four decades into a state of over commercialization due to over development. The expansion of the ski resort is one more step in the direction of further traffic, crowding and degradation of one of our prime natural areas. This all comes at a price that our wild species of birds and mammals - both resident and migratory - will pay for loss of available habitat and the continued human irruption into their natural home.

With the presence of eight State Parks, countless cabins, lake homes, lodges and resorts on the North Shore, I believe we are well at (if not over) the "carrying capacity" of the area - we are in essence loving it to death and slowly blood-letting the natural and wild feel from the North Shore that initially was the attraction for visiting the area!

PLEASE adopt the No Action alternative and say NO to further development by the Lutsen Mountains Corp. Ski Resort Expansion Project!

Sincerely,

Jim Gindorff