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Comments: I love skiing at Lutsen Mountains and regularly do so.

However, I am against this proposed expansion. I feel very strongly that giving a private, for-profit entity exclusive rights to public lands such as they seek on Moose Mountain is bad public policy.

For as many times as I have skied at Lutsen, I have never had to wait in a lift line for any longer than a couple of minutes and I have never run out of terrain. It is the right size and price for Minnesota. This expansion feels like nothing more than a greedy grab that will lead to increased ticket prices and not too many more visitors. Lutsen will never be more than a regional ski destination and this proposed expansion won't change that. Lutsen proposes to add 1260 parking spaces? This is ludicrous and wasteful in the extreme.

The expansion on to the remainder of Moose Mountain will destroy the public's ability to ski, snowshoe and otherwise wilderness travel in that area. Exclusive access to this unique area simply should not be given to a for-profit entity. The Superior Hiking trail (a true destination attraction) will also be diminished by this development.

The proposal to use this area as a backcountry ski area is a far better use as it keeps this area open to a variety of uses for the public and will have little impact on the local ecology.

I apologize that my letter is not more focussed, but Lutsen's proposal seems like such a bad idea that will negatively impact my ability to afford Lutsen and simultaneously take away the most unique and best backcountry skiing in Minnesota and the upper Midwest. It also seems clear that this is an attempt Lutsen to simply make more money off of public lands that should be there for all.

Thank you for your time.