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Comments: I am in favor of the expansion. Lutsen is a key part of the North Shore economy, and the only ski area in Minnesota to offer the vertical and variety of skiing that can attract visitors from further reaches of this and adjacent states. More terrain offerings would pay back in more skiers, and in my own family's case, more return visits. I am sure we are not alone in that.

I can appreciate that a small group of people want to ski backcountry. But there is a lot of backcountry, not just the area directly adjacent to Lutsen. I would be disappointed if the views of a few should override the much larger numbers of the skiing public that Lutsen introduces to skiing and the region, and attracts to the area. Many people benefit from the proposed expansion, far more than just the ownership of Lutsen. If the expansion were denied, it would only be to the benefit of a small number of skiers who would prefer to keep a stash for themselves.