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Comments: First of all, I appreciate the Forest Service having a public comment process that allows people who use the wonderful land. I been going the the lutsen area for almost 50 years. I've hiked, mountain biked, kayaked and of course skied the area most my life. There's no forest I cherish more. With that being said I know there are people who will disagree with this project but I ask them to consider what this means for so many people, the community and state as a whole.

Not only will this ski terrain expansion be great for the resort and the skiers it will bring more people and money to the region. Not to mention the economic impact it will have with the all the workers it will take to build it.

However, there is so much more to be again than just economics. Having more area to ski and more lifts will enhance the lutsen experience to all skiers and future ones. Some people think will have a negative impact our the environment but I strongly disagree. A lot of those people have never stepped fro t in this forest. If you you dont use something do really know what's best of it?

I am particularly excited about the back country terrain. People who enjoy back country skiing are some of the most environmentally friendly and respectful people using our National Forests. Because the trails are ungroomed and we only ski it when conditions are good the skier never really touched the forest floor so it has even less impact than a walking trail. Although you see some wild life during the day on the slopes in the back country areas there's signs of all types of animals that live there. Animals adapt around ski areas and I don't think this project will make a negative impact on them or any other resource.

Generations of people using and enjoying out forest lands for all sporting activities is why we have parks, reports and public trail systems that are the envy of the world. To keep this trend going and for the enjoyment of future generations we must continue to support projects like this. I know it will be well received my many.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.