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Comments: I do not support the expansion of Lutsen Mountain Ski Area for these reasons:

- 1. It will threaten or simply overtake Native treaty rights concerning the land that would be included in the expansion.
- 2. It is another assault on the environmentally fragile land that native plants and animals rely on for their survival. We need to respect and protect more forest land, not destroy it.
- 3. It has proposed a reroute of the Superior Hiking Trail that is not satisfactory to this nonprofit asset that is free for anyone to enjoy.
- 4. According to Arrowhead Cooperative, the expansion would likely include a new substation, and would likely result in higher electric rates for residents who rely on Arrowhead Coop for their electrical service.
- 5. The main reason for the expansion seems to be more visitors to Lutsen Mountain Ski Area, and thus more profits for the owners. Few others in the Cook County would benefit from this project. It is a wonderful ski area for visitors and locals as is. Bigger is not always better.