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Mr. Jimenez:

I have reviewed the project EIS, after careful consideration, I strongly support Alternative #1 no change.

Rationale: I believe it is bad public policy to convey public lands for private use with no compensation. Lutsen Mountains Corporation (LMC) and the prior ownership had a history of abusing MNDNR water use permits and the sensitive aquatic ecosystem of the Poplar River. I believe turning over the NFS lands described in the EIS further rewards and encourages the behavior.

When other private organizations want to leverage NFS lands (for timber, minerals or other resources of value) they are required to pay just compensation for what is removed and restore the land.

In the case of Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project #52440, LMC is requesting permanent and exclusive rights to the NFS land without compensation or a restoration plan.

Based on the facts presented in the EIS (and the items listed above), I request that Alternative #1 No Change be selected.

Thank you.

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