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Some of my concerns:

Water use for snowmaking:

150 million gallons is now permitted for use from Lake Superior.

I believe this will be increased if expansion happens, with holding tanks being built.

Chemicals are added to this clean Lake Superior water to create machine made snow.

Water is too precious a resource to be used for non-essential recreational activities. Need to preserve this resource. No increase should be allowed.

Additional acreage being cleared of trees for ski runs.

How will storm water runoff be resolved after the trees are removed? How to prevent invasive non native plant species from moving in? What further damage will occur to the Poplar River and adjacent waters?

Infrastructure

Damage during construction.

Additional buildings using more electrical services. Local energy provider will need additional sub stations.

More buildings = more lighting = more light pollution. What happens to our dark skies?

Employment

Already there is a shortage of employees. Grand Marais businesses are often short staffed and some have gone out of business. How can this expansion even be feasible due to this low supply of potential workers?

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It's just wrong to even consider infringement of these rights.

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