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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my negative feelings on the Expansion of The Lutsen DEIS project.

"Superior National Forest harbors some truly special wildlife, Northern Minnesota is one of the species' last bastions in the continental U.S.-moose, lynx and black bear. It is also a popular area for birding, with hundreds of species reported in the area." Wikipedia

1. This is Federal Park Land and it should remain Federal Park Land! Current public usage of the land would no longer be available for which the land was originally meant to be kept in perpetuity and in a Natural State for all living beings to enjoy.

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3. Hunting, fishing and hiking would no longer be available to the Public. Turning it into a Business for Profit and the Exploitation of our Natural Resources is Criminals and is could be considered illegal as it deprives us of Civil Rights as Tax Payers.

4.

1. The infrastructure of the Towns, particularly Grand Marais, is not equipped to handle hundreds more tourist. The roads are narrow, very little parking and lines to businesses are already long. Locals like our small town and want to keep it that way.

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3. The water taken from Lake Superior for Snow Making Machines is a threat to local and already established homes and businesses. During these droughts conditions this could cause significant problems like has happened in Park City, Utah.

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5. The Water and Electrical Piping systems and the Land for the two Snow Machines and Electrical Sub Stations will interrupt the natural flow of water drainage and animal migration. Also they will be unsightly and cause noise that will travel for miles.

6.

7. The Roads, Parking Lots, Lodges, Employee house..etc. all building associated with the development will dramatically change the topography. Cement and road material will cover vast parts of the Natural National Forest intended for wildlife and plants. Trees have been designated as the lungs of our planet. They process

CO2 and produce Oxygen for us to breathe. Reports claim that as much as 80% of the world's forests have been destroyed or irreparably degraded.

These are just a few reasons I oppose the expansion of the Lutsen DEIS Project

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Alexa Douglas

p.s. could not get those numbers straight???