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This this email serve as my support for the proposed expansion at Lutsen. I live in Britt, Minnesota and in the winter season my wife and I live in Big Sky, Montana where I work as a ski instructor. My concerns of what is happening in the ski industry is consolidation. Vail Corporation, Alterra Mountain Collective and others have acquired or consolidated too many ski operations in North America over the last ten years. These efforts are making it unaffordable for the the middle class to enjoy outdoor sports and activities. The Lutsen Mountain Corporation should be applauded for making the financial commitment to provide more outdoor activities while making them affordable to a broader market of household incomes. It seems like the issues of the opposition groups can find way creative ways mediate their concerns. I would be more concerned if Lutsen was merging or selling to one of these large corporations. Local ownership of Lutsen Mountain will benefit many.

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