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To whom it may concern,

I ski at Lutsen every year. While I live in the Twin Cities now, I lived near or on the North Shore for 20 years and have been enjoying Lake Superior and the region for nearly 5 decades. I still have family North Two Harbors, so am well connected with the area. I have witnessed many changes. What I love about the area is the pristine vibe, wild spaces and clean water.

I don't want to see more wild space sacrificed. I love skiing, but I'm concerned about the impact chemicals used in the snow making process will have on the water quality of the streams and big lake. I love skiing, but I also love swimming and fishing in the big lake. I love hiking SHT and camping. I see more and more pressure on the resources. It's harder to get a BWCA permit, or a campsite for the night on the SHT. It can be hard to find an affordable hotel room near Lutsen, but even on the busiest days, I've never felt like there was a lack of space to ski. Parking can be a real challenge, but I don't believe more ski runs are needed. I don't think we need more chemicals and runoff entering the watershed and impacting the quality of the water and doing harm to fishing and taking away from the pristine wild feel more than has already taken place.

Sincerely,

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