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I am not in favor of converting 500 acres of USFS land to private hands. This amounts to 12.5 40 acre parcels. Is a lease fee collected? How much? Who benefits from these fees.

Cook County years ago exchanged property with the Forest Service to accommodate the ULLur chair. It was sold to the ski hill for a nominal fee.

At that time it was felt that it was troublesome having a lease with the USFS and this was the solution.

I do not oppose expansion, however question if it is too large for the area to support.

Can condos and lodging be built on the leased property? If ownership changes is the lease transferable?

Pollution is a major consideration. We already hear the snow guns 2 miles away and the lights are very visible from Highway 61. Do we want more?

If there is a bankruptcy, how is this permit terminated?

I don't oppose, simply think it needs a closer consideration. Maybe scaled back to reflect the area. If expansion goes well, then consider further expansion.

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