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Greetings Michael and other Interested Persons,

I represent several concerned citizens who are curious as to the proposed Offering, Sale, or Lease of the 495acreage of National Forest Land that the Lutsen Mountain Expansion DEiS is requesting.

We are very concerned about this action with our Public Lands:

"In the United States, national forest is a classification of protected and managed federal lands.

National forests are largely forest and woodland areas owned collectively by the American people "

Wikipedia

Aug 23, 2021 · Definition of national forest. : a usually forested area of considerable extent that is preserved by government decree from private exploitation and is harvested only under supervision. Merriam Dictionary

As you can see, we are under the impression that these lands are only to be used for the benefit and use of the Public.

Therefore, in the event that the Land is turned over to The Lutsen Ski Interest, what would the 'use' include and who would be the 'owners' of the Land?. Is it a "Sale" or a 'Lease" with or without conditions.

I am not versed in legal terms but our concern is that this Proposal is NOT a Sustainable Working Plan and that it will not succeed. It is a pipe dream, a possible Real Estate grab or will just eventually fail economically.

Considering: drought conditions scientifically predicted for the future, Water usage and Pollutants in the drainage of the Snow Machines usage into Lake Superior, lack of employees in the area, the 5 hour drive distance to the airport....the list goes on.

So, what will happen to the land when or if it fails and is abandoned???

Will it go back to the National Park System or fall into 'Private' ownership?

Please respond a.s.a.p. I have contacted your message machine numerous times and you are not returning my calls. We are up against a deadline and would like to know the answers so we can respond appropriately.

Thank you,

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