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Good evening, Mr. Jimenez and Superior National Forest staff,

I apologize for the lateness of my comments. I trust this email will be accepted with the others as it will arrive before midnight 09 Dec.

My view is that the preservation and protection of the forest is of far greater importance to NE Minnesota than the expansion of Lutsen Mountain ski area.

I think it is in Lutsen's and the region's best interest to invest in and improve/update what Lutsen Mountains already has rather than expanding into ecologically valuable and now rare forested land.

I do not agree with the statement that Lutsen must expand in order to compete with ski areas in the western states. I would argue that Lutsen does not and cannot compete with those ski areas, and should not pretend that it can.

Moreover, I suggest that it is a notable point for promotion and advertising that Lutsen's owners understand the special character of the adjacent un-developed forest and think staying at its current size is better for the land, the plants and the animals that live there.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my public comments.

Sincerely,

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