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Mr. Jimenez,

Re: Lutsen Mountain Expansion DEIS, please refuse the expansion for the following reasons:

Consider climate change and the future projection of snow on the North Shore...will there be snow to support Lutsen's expansion??

Will enough people have the money to pay the (guaranteed) higher lift ticket prices? And the hotel or rental property price increases? Or will it become so expensive to downhill ski that those who can afford it will prefer to spend their money for a vastly better experience in the Rockies?

What is the projection for the downhill ski industry - are enough young people/children learning to ski, or is it a dying sport because of the cost?

Will the forests and hiking trails be destroyed or altered for a short term cash grab, when hiking and Nordic skiing could take the place of downhill, without all of the destruction?

The projection of the added parking area alone makes me nauseous. I realize I don't live in the area, but I'm one of the Twin Cities residents who SUPPORTS the area.

Thank you for your consideration,

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