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Please consider the fact that the proposed Lutsen expansion will impact the protected Lutsen SNA.

The Lutsen Mountains Ski Resort Expansion project threatens the adjacent Lutsen SNA whose "ridges, slopes, cliffs and valleys support one of the largest blocks of essentially undisturbed old-growth northern hardwood forest in Minnesota". Replacement wetlands can never replace the benefits of constructed or protected wetlands on the immediately surrounding areas.

I question the need for the expansion of Lutsen. I have skied there a few times over the years. My use of the area is limited by the harsher conditions in the area when compared to other areas in the state. Where are the current actual and projected use figures in the EIS? Where is the justification other than speculation of a corporation? Silk purse from a sow's ear? I don't think Lutsen expansion is necessary or justified.

Sincerely,

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