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Hello

We are current owners of a townhome at Caribou Highlands. We love the North Shore participate many of the wonderful recreational options in the local area. We generally support the Lutsen Ski Area expansion Alternative 3 but have a few areas that we believe should be addressed in the EIS.

Page 44 - need for social services.The EIS indicates that employees are likely to earn less than the annual mean income in Minnesota, and as a result, could require social services. Since Lutsen is to benefit financially by the use of public lands shouldn't it be required that their employees are compensated such that the use of public social services are minimized?

Page 94 - Alternative 3 - No rerouting of the Superior Hiking Trail. Alternative 3 does not reroute the Superior Hiking trail even though it appears that the proposed Moose Mountain footprint will be close to parts of the Superior Hiking trail. We believe that the proposed changes will negatively impact the quality of the Superior Hiking Trail hiking experience within this area . Since Lutsen will benefit financially from the use of public land Lutsen should be required to reroute the Superior Hiking Trail based on an agreement with the Superior Hiking Trail Association (a nonprofit organization) and should compensate the association for these changes.

Page 112/120 - Housing Shortage The EIS has identified that there is currently a housing shortage in the area. Adding additional employees will likely make this worse. There is not a discussion in the EIS as to what Lutsen will do address this. Also if there were to plan to house these additional employees onsite do the proposed additional wastewater (Septic Systems) and additional well provide enough capacity to address this additional demand for services. These additional impacts should be assessed as part of the EIS. Just this last summer, with the drought, it was necessary to advise residents at nearby Caribou Highlands to conserve water usage.

Page 128 There is currently an employee shortage in the area. Various small businesses have had to reduce their hours of operation because of the lack of employees. Where will Lutsen recruit its workers from. How will Lutsen handle the competition for workers.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues,

Sincerely,

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