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I am against the Lutsen expansion for many reasons. Economic and environmental concerns at the top of the list. Employing more people in an area with no extra housing is backwards. Any housing built will probably end up as vacation rentals.
When you add the extra costs for other infrastructure, police, fire, and, first responders, ect. it will all fall on the existing taxpayers. We have to ask, is it worth the environmental degradation, the extra costs to all of us, ect. to make more income for the owners of the ski hill business. We will lose no jobs if this does not go through, local businesses will be in the same position as they are now, and, the county will not lose what tax revenue they currrently get. So, the only real gain is for the people who own and run the business. They will reap the rewards, and, we will all pay the extra costs. I am now a senior, retired and living on a modest income, if I have to pay and additional 120.00 per year, it will mean that i will be paying about one months electric bill to support the profits of the ski hill owners, in effect it will be like having 13 electric bills in one year instead of 12, in order to pay for a new substation.

We have hit the physical limit to an ever expanding tourism business. We live with the extra traffic, ect. all bear the costs of that as well. We must ask ourselves, when enough is enough, take care of what you have, and, conserve our environment and the life we all love here.
This will degrade natural habitat and strain our resources just so a handful can profit.
The expansion will have to house employees in an already housing strapped county.
Any new homes will probably go as summer homes to the wealthy.

It is time to stop overloading the area.
We now have invasive algae in our trout streams and zebra mussels in our lakes. People are invasive.

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