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I am adamantly opposed to any further expansion of lutsen mtns ski corp onto any public lands. I grew up in cook county and am here yet, I also spent much of my early youth and teens skiing at lutsen, we had a blast, that's the point give a kid a piece of cardboard and an incline and they'll have fun. the owners of lutsen have quite a large area now in which they operate, they've managed to survive up to this point even during lean winters and a lack of snow, ingenuity and efficiency are the key. to cut hundreds of acres of maple and cedar at this point in history makes no sense and contributes to the demise of the planet and environment. a loss of diversity of trees plants and habitat cannot be reversed, are there guarantees from this corp. that if their use of public lands aren't successful that they will restore the impacted forest? there's also the visual impacts to consider and the argument that the local economy is dependent on this doesn't hold water, let's see some hard data on that. not only will the loss of the natural world suffer there's the added pollution created by a need for more electricity, housing for more workers and increased traffic on an already crowded hwy 61. we as citizens and owners of this public land do not owe the owners of lutsen mnts any more than they already have. yours sincerely, Donald lehto, grand Marais MN. p.o. box 221 55604, 218 370 0278