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NO, NO, NO. Please do not allow the Lutsen project to move forward. The people that support want to increase their monetary earnings, make more money on condos/hotels and stores. Therefore the expansion would benefit a few and improve the bottom line for a few, but ruin the area for others. The expansion is more than doubling the size and scope of Lutsen resort and would have a dramatic effect on the region and the environment. I have enjoyed cross country skiing, biking and hiking in this region and the expansion would forever change those activities.

Lutsen might have had a positive impact on the region as it is now, but expanding Lutsen would switch to negative impact. As of right now the area can not support itself. Several restaurants in Grand Marais were not open full time this summer because they could not hire workers and workers could not find reasonable priced housing. The Lutsen expansion only going to make those problems worse and NOT going to solve the issues.

The land belongs to all of us, citizens of this state and national, and is not for a few to make a profit. We can not impact the other activities in the region just so a small few can down hill ski in the winter.

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