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Hello,

I'd like to throw in my 2 cents on the Lutsen Ski Area Expansion...

It's too easy to simplify this argument to Pro and Against.

I would suggest this be looked at as Right or Wrong.

1) What happens if Lutsen doesn't get the approval? Who will lose?

Most of the comments from supporters are about how important Lutsen is and has been to them, their families and their businesses. Nothing is being taken away from Lutsen or the people supporting this project. What will they lose, if this doesn't go through?

2) What happens if Lutsen gets the approval to expand? Who will lose?

Native people have rights to that land. Don't make another example of our greed over what's right.

More pollution in and destruction to sensitive ecosystems.

Take a look at what they look like now.

You're asking people for pine cones, it's that bad...

Public lands also belong to the people and shouldn't be sold for another to profit on.

Those 2 reasons alone should make things clear.

Develop, Develop, Develop!!!!

Who cleans up their mess, if/when the project or ski hill fails in a year, 2 or 3?

Ski resorts are barely making it as is. Especially, Lutsen. Go up to Papa Charlies and see how 'Well' they're doing. People outside, shaking their heads, because our "Premier" ski resort has reduced hours, because of whatever their newest reason/hardship is. People eating in their cars, because the restaurant isn't open until 3.

Make sure you can do today well, before you go bragging up how well you can do tomorrow!

I just saw that Lutsen is charging \$97 for lift tickets this year. Sheesh!

How much more will they charge, once they've 'made it better'? Families and skiers will choose other less expensive entertainment. They already are! Look at the numbers.

In contrast, look at the number of hikers and campers in the woods. There are more than ever!!!! So many, it's a bit busy on backwoods trails.

Why would you allow this to happen? Other than for the WRONG reasons...

Sincerely,

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