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Hello, I reside both in the Twin Cities and also have a cabin next to the BWCA and also frequently use the Superior Hiking Trail and other trails in the state parks and Superior Forest in northern MN. I do not agree with the Chamber of Commerce and Lutsen Mountains view that they inherently need to either expand the ski resort or it will die. Most Lutsen Mountain users (I have skied there multiple times although am primarily a cross country skier) are not going to Lutsen versus going to Vail or other very posh western ski resorts. They choose Lutsen for its local flavor and beauty and also at times go out west.

I support the views of the Grand Portage Band and overall prefer not expanding the ski resort. If it is expanded I prefer Alternative 3 over the Alternative 2 designed by Lutsen Mountains. I do not wish to have the Superior Hiking Trail rerouted or the growth of northern white cedar included in any expansion. Overall I think there are alternative recreational opportunities for the land in question with less environmental impact to the forest and watershed.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my views.

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