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Hello,

I am writing to express my concern for the proposed expansion of Lutsen Ski Resort onto adjacent Superior National Forest public lands. Downhill skiing, especially at Lutsen, is a very expensive, exclusionary activity that is only available for a portion of the year to a small segment of the population. This destructive proposal will eliminate or irreversibly alter many potential uses of the forest by a variety of interests, including hiking, hunting, and backcountry skiing for just a single one. The north shore forest is heavily fragmented and suffering from various threats including climate change, white tailed deer overpopulation and the &quot;shrubification&quot; of the landscape following second growth forest die-off. The wild 2/3's of Moose mountain represents a healthy and intact forest of cedars, maples and various other hardwoods. The loss of these public lands sets a bad precedent and will further degrade the forests of the north shore. Thank you for reading my comments.

Sincerely,

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