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Dear Sir:

As residents of Cook County, Minnesota, we have some real concerns as to the proposed Lutsen Mountains Expansion:

What additional costs will be the responsibility of Cook County residents:

Additional road maintenance and new roadways, etc.

The estimated \$2,000,000 for new sub stations required to be built by Arrowhead Electric Cooperative.

Housing that will be needed by new employees. Who will support them in the "Off Season"?

What new medical requirements will be needed for injured skiers, etc. Additional Lutsen and Grand Marais ambulances and EMT's to service the injured?

Additional police support required for traffic control and other problems at Lutsen Mountains.

Will there be a need for additional fire and emergency rescue squad equipment?

Environmental:

Light, noise, and air pollution.

Water to be drawn from Lake Superior and the chemical "Snomax" used in snowmaking, which could well end up back in Lake Superior or contaminate below ground aquifers.

Garbage and other trash clean up which will require continued attention in the Lutsen Community and along State Highway 61.

Destruction and removal of forest trees and vegetation.

Pollution of Popular River.

In conclusion: It is important to remember that although Cook County is one of the largest in the state in area, it is least in population; therefore, any large investment that will affect the amount of new taxes required for this huge expansion, will be shared by a relatively few!

Thank you for your consideration of all our concerns,

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