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I am opposed to a Lutsen Mountains ski expansion. As a resident of the North Shore who lives about 40 minutes away from Lutsen, I'm actually shocked this is being seriously considered by an agency responsible for protecting our natural resources.

Irreparable damage would be done to one of our most important resources in northern Minnesota if Lutsen is allowed to expand. The Superior Hiking Trail Association, as well as scientific and environmental organizations, are opposed to this expansion and I stand with them.

The benefits of Lutsen's ski expansion are few; the negatives and risks are many. And it's very disconcerting to read, for example, that the Draft Environmental Impact Statement does not even mention the impact on the nearby Lutsen SNA.

Catering to a small group of people who can afford to ski at Lutsen (any more than is already done by Lutsen Resort) is not the way to go in northern Minnesota. I'd like to think the people who work for the Superior National Forest care more about preserving and protecting natural resources for all Minnesotans.

It's amazing to me that Lutsen wants to make this risky investment and I'm opposed to Superior National Forest's involvement/complicity. Once that part of the forest is gone, it's gone.

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