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Comments: Lutsen Mountains Ski Area Expansion Project

Dear sir or madam:

I am writing to comment on the proposed expansion of Lutsen Mountains on to 495 acres of public land located within the Superior National Forest. I feel this is a horrific and totally unacceptable proposal which should never occur. This is public land, belonging to the people of the United States, and should never be anything else. The forest of the north shore of Lake Superior is extremely fragile and currently endangered by numerous threats; the very real possibility that 495 acres of this should be completely altered for the profit of a few individuals is completely unacceptable. The proposed site includes old growth northern white cedar and rare lichens, both of which would be directly affected, if not lost. It also includes 158 acres of North Shore spruce/ fir woodland type - a plant community listed as critically imperiled by the Minnesota DNR - which would be negatively affected should the proposal be approved.

I urge you to stop this proposal, and keep the public in our public land.

Sincerely,

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