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Good Day,

I am very concerned with the proposed Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center Master Plan. Part of what makes our community special is the ability to go to places that don't show human influence wherever you look. The raw, natural beauty of Alaska is what draws people to live here and to visit. We aren't the natural version of Disney Land. Congestion at the glacier is a great concern, especially because I avoid the area during cruise ship season like the plague. However, I'd rather cut down my personal visitation during the summer months than see the land get developed. The trails that are being looked at to allow visitors more access are the trails that locals use to avoid the crowds. The local Juneau population needs areas to remain quiet and untouched for our personal enjoyment. If the trails are built up, with more access, and signage, the crowds will seep into our sanctuary areas where our kids can hike without being run over by tourists, our dogs can walk happily without people imposing on personal space, our wildlife can have quiet areas away from the crowds, and we can actually mountain bike without tourists creating a human wall on our trails.

I have enclosed a powerpoint presentation that I compiled for my Environmental Science class that sums up my personal views regarding the proposed development of our glacier center, please take it into consideration along with my comments above.

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