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**Subject:** Forest Service plan for Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area

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## Cathy—

I understand there is planning for the future of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area. I have some concerns as follows:

- 1. There should be no more expanded bus parking near the visitor center.
- 2. There should be no vehicle access close to the existing facilities.
- 3. I am against boats on the lake—it ruins the view for the tourists who have come to see the glacier.
- 4. If there are boats, they should be electric only. Both noise and pollution are totally unacceptable.

Remote parking for cars and buses during the summer is reasonable, with an electric shuttle system used to move people to and from the facilities.

We need to keep the environment safe and inviting for tourists and locals alike.

If people are coming to see the glacier (and there are so MANY people doing so) we don't need to ruin the view with boats on the lake. At some point, we need to be wise about saying enough commercialism is enough—and more ruins the nature people are coming to see.

Thank you for allowing my input.

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