

Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvement Project

PUBLIC SCOPING COMMENT FORM

The USDA Forest Service requests comments on the proposed project by **March 19, 2020**.

Write comments below, and submit them during the February 20, 2020 public scoping open house. Or, send comments via: fax (907-586-8808), email (comments-alaska-tongass-juneau@usda.gov), or mail or hand deliver (see back for address).

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COMMENTS: I question the need for the pedestrian bridge across the Mendenhall River. It's likely to mix day use pedestrians from the Visitor Center area with folks camped in the campground. Even w/out a bridge, the Lakeshore Trail would link with the Dredge Lake trail system, providing a bigger & better loop system than currently exists.

Boats on the lake: let's restrict them to electric motors. I'm concerned that lifting the exemption on motors would lead to greater use of boats on the lake. Restrictions to electric may curb the potential for overwhelming the lake with boats. May want to prohibit water skiing/tubing as well as they feasibly could be done with large enough electric motors.

Yes to bear underpasses!

As much as I hate to see it, sacrificing the kettle pond to expand parking & welcoming center is something that needs to be done.

Also - from remote visitor center, it would be great to provide safe, mobile ramp up and onto the glacier.

If needed, attach sheets to provide additional comments