

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: In none of the poster presentations is wildlife considered!

The wildlife of this area is a renewable resource + a major opportunity for educating the public. It should be protected!

When I asked how bears could reach their traditional fishing spots, I was told they'd have to walk down the lakeshore or thru the culverts. Their traditional ways of access are closed.

If a bear happens to come thru a traditional way, it's in the midst of a mass of humans, a bigger recipe for trouble than it is now.

When I asked about mit goats that use the rock peninsula, the FS representative just shrugged + indicated they are out of luck.

A walkway ALL ALONG Steep Creek means bears lose a lot of their access to fish. A trail from the campground across the river would go thru a corner of the Rec Area that has previously been ~~kept~~ kept as a sort of sanctuary for wildlife, w/ a minimum of human traffic. That would obviously disappear with the new trail + bridge.

Right now (20^{year}) the Rec Area ^{near the glacier} is a great place for wildlife viewing. Please don't wreck it!

If needed, attach sheets to provide additional comments

Project Website: www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53780