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Without completely picking apart each proposed change regarding the updated MGRA and MGVC, I urge USFS to reconsider investing so much time, energy, and money into the expansion of site that is so rapidly changing in an economy that is so rapidly changing. To depend so greatly on the tourism industry is irresponsible. USFS cannot depend on a sole source of income. Do not take for granted that this is a stable industry. The current trajectory of this industry is completely unknown. We are reminded of the timber monopolies of past eras that continue to tarnish the image of the USFS in the American public's eyes. To best serve the American public, the JRD must have a comprehensive and far-sighted approach to landscape management, not a short-sited, last ditch effort to objectify a rapidly melting glacier through the frenzied, boom and bust mentality of the ecotourism industry. Invest your time and efforts into doing what your mission states - serve the greatest good. This includes entities beyond the people of this world. This greatest good includes the wildlife that the people flock to see. What will be the point of all of this infrastructure when the wildlife disappears? To say "this will not happen" is a farce, and increasingly ironic and disrespectful to science as we watch our glacier melt. Consider investing your time, efforts, and money in creating a safer landscape for our non-human beings to move through, including more wildlife crossings, less crowds, less pavement, and less emissions. It is time for the JRD to not just talk about a changing climate, but to actually do something sustainable in response. This sustainability will ensure your organization can continue to operate in a healthy manner far into the future.

Thank you,  
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