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To Whom it May Concern,

Please find below my comments on the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area Master Plan. Firstly I appreciate the thought that has gone into this iteration of the plan. I like a lot of the changes from previous renditions. I also welcome the concept of planning for the next 50 years rather than reacting in the short term.

Specifically;

- The hub and spoke concept is an ideal way to spread the visitors through the area. The loop system is also a very good idea to do the same.
 - Rerouting Steep Creek, additional viewing areas, greater separation from wildlife and more interpretive signage will add greatly to the visitors experience.
 - The new parking layout appears to make the drop-off/pick up safer and has a better flow to it.
 - The portable visitor facilities, across the lake and near the glacier, is creative way to have visitors experience the glacier close up.
 - The welcome's center, with the difference services offered, will again help inform and disperse visitors.
 - The improvements to the Visitor Center will enhance the visitors experience.
 - The lake shore trail and bridge across the Mendenhall Glacier River to the west side of the glacier is great idea. Personally this will be a wonderful addition for our guests who take a Cycle Alaska bike tour. It will make our transit from the west side of the glacier to the east side a much safer ride than going out on the back loop and loop roads. It will also give our guests more time in the Recreation Area and allow us to increase their knowledge of what they are observing. The spur off the lake shore trail to the bus holding parking lot is also a great addition and will allow our guests to transit the area without entering the main drop-off and pickup parking area.
 - The infrastructure changes will also greatly enhance the enjoyment of the area by Juneauites.
- Take care and thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Master Plan.

Regards

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