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Most of the options seem aimed at tourists rather than locals. I live in the neighborhood [redacted] just above the campground and Skaters Cabin. We already are impacted by massive bicycle tours on the bike path (I can't walk my dog) and constant helicopter noise overhead. The campgrounds are closed 15 Sept. - May. We used to be able to winter camp in the campground, but that is now illegal according to Forest Rangers. We use the lake for kayaking and canoeing. Having motorized boats would add noise and traffic on the lake. Native canoes and white water rafts would also be impacted.

I seriously question having remote visitor center, shelters/cabins and trails on the far side of the lake. This is an area home to both brown and black bears. Keep the tourists out!

Cabins in the campground. If these are available to locals the way they are at Eagle Beach YEAR ROUND — fine. Otherwise, it's just another inroad for tourists. We don't need Disneyland here — the quiet and peace of nature is what is special. Definitely No Bridge across the river from the tourist center to the campground. Campers don't need to be over-run by hundreds of day tourists.

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I like the idea of upgrading what's at the visitor center — making things more interactive. Also, making parking available at Dredge Lake and the existing visitor's center would be helpful.