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and should include updated exhibits on glaciers, climate change, and how fossil fuels affect them. The Welcome Center should be kept open all year to serve warm drinks on cold days. The new coffee shop and expanded retail space should be run by Discovery Southeast.

Motorboats on Mendenhall Lake are unpopular with Juneau residents. If you feel you need to get people close to the glacier, please at least ensure the boats are electric, slow and wakeless, and continue to allow access for residents who want to kayak to the NW shore of the lake.

Nordic skiing on Mendenhall Lake has become sporadic due to climate change, and trails on the land would help. Constructing new trails that are wide enough to be groomed by the Nordic ski club would help residents find healthy ways to move around in winter.

Expanded boardwalks for wildlife viewing along Steep Creek are big improvements but it is unsafe to route walkers across the Glacier Spur Road with all the traffic. Better to make the trail continuous under a free-span bridge. Alternative 6 proposes separate culverts for people and bears to pass under the road, which might be cheaper than a bridge but doesn't offer the same advantages.

Expanding the campground parking lot near Skaters Cabin to the north is much needed and a better idea than expanded parking within the campground. New walking access trails within the campground also make sense to allow walkers and their dogs an alternative to tromping down the freshly groomed ski trails along the campground roads. New cabins in the campground make sense only to some extent, but not where they will encourage walkers along the groomed roads such as along the RV loop.

Sincerely,

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