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Monique Nelson
Alaska Region Director of Ecosystem Planning and Information Management
United States Forest Service
8510 Mendenhall Loop Road
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Dear Ms. Nelson,

Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is pleased to provide support for the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (MGRA) improvements. Our ocean-going member cruise lines have long lauded the glacier visit as a top excursion for their guests when visiting Alaska and recognize the growing appreciation among all user groups.

As the cruise industry is becoming one of the most accessible-friendly vacation options, more individuals and families are booking cruises with accessible options. The Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center is attainable to all who visit, due to its world class recreation services and facilities. Providing improvements to the overall MGRA will ensure the destination remains a wonderful experience for all users for decades to come.

We appreciate the United States Forest Service (USFS) in its mission to improve the MGRA and Juneau's most popular attraction, while considering the expanding visitor season and also supporting local visitation year-round. The USFS's long-term planning for responsible and sustainable destination management is to be commended.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this very important project.

Sincerely,

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