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Comments: To whom it should concern,

As someone who has worked with the Forest Service in the past, enjoys the public lands that the Forest Service manages, and who has worked AT the MGVC, I am appalled at the greed and weakness that the district is showing with this plan.

You have spent upwards of \$1M in planning something that is going to be handed over to a tourist industry. You are not serving the people of Juneau or heeding to their pleas. Juneau resident already avoid the VC in the summer like it was the plague. Then in the evenings when folks try to go and enjoy the space, there's usually a lot of locals concentrated all at once because that's the only time they can go without being swamped with visitors. This speed touring and denying the inevitable outcome that the glacier will one day not draw any crowds no matter what theme park you build, is disappointing and enraging. The construction will take years, and if the rate of melting even just remains steady and doesn't increase (like it probably will with all the construction being done around it) the glacier will be another 1/2-1 mile further back behind the mountain. Your "plans" only even show where the glacier stood over a year ago! That doesn't sound like good planning to me, and that is only one very large mistake in this entire thing. You don't even have approval from Congress. You don't have a way to FUND the "plan." Cruise ship tourism is not longevous and should be discounted entirely in your efforts to gain profits from this attraction. There are local businesses that could fly skiers and traversers to the ice field. You could also appeal to winter tourism. You need balance. You need to listen to the locals.

The only part of this plan that makes sense and actually NEEDS to be done is the bathroom and theatre modifications/expansions.

Please do not waste any more of the tax payers dollars on this foolhardy and unrealistic "plan."

Regards, Mary Graves

Peace, Love, & Alaskan Grub

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