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Comments: I'd like to speak in defense of the Mendenhall Glacier. We need to educate the public about climate change, and we have a perfect place to do it. We should not be bringing fossil fuel powered buses into the vicinity of the glacier, and we should definitely not pave over kettle ponds and salmon spawning streams.

Visitors to the glacier enjoy amazing wildlife viewing of nesting terns, salmon swimming upstream, bears, beavers, and an occasional wolf. All these creatures are disappearing from the rest of the world. We still have them - it's amazing! That is why people come here.

I am especially opposed to the idea of boats on the lake. They will carry passengers to the face of the glacier, which the glacier has told us for years not to do - too dangerous. And if the face of the glacier is gone, which is happening so quickly, what will the people see? a pile of rocks. The glacier will not be visible.

To control numbers of people, consider electric shuttle buses and timed entry. People will understand - the glacier and the animals that live near it are victims of climate change, and we are trying to protect them. Let's let that guide our decisions.

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