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Comments: I am writing to express my opposition the facilities expansion planned at the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (MGRA) in Juneau, Alaska.

The MGRA has many challenges due to the impacts of increased usage of facilities and recreation during the summer tourist season. However, the plan to increase parking and construct new buildings will greatly affect precious salmon spawning habitat and impact bear trails in the area. Allowing motorized boats on Mendenhall Lake for commercial and private usage is completely out of harmony with this natural environment.

Altering the natural features of the MGRA should not be part of a solution to mitigate high visitor impacts. Perhaps capping visitors per day at the MGRA should be a top consideration instead of destroying the very nature of this place, that is the appeal for all visitors.

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