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Comments: To Whom it may concern,

After reading and digesting the proposal, I realize and understand that indeed, something needs to be done to make that area safer for all users. Though I am intrigued by the improvements to some of the trails and routing of (specifically) tourists in the summer, I am concerned about turning the area into (as Laurie Craig put it) a "theme park." I do not believe that having the buses park so close to the bear habitat is wise; park them outside the area to avoid both bus congestion, pollution and wandering people and use a more environmentally friendly method of transport into the drop off area. I'm concerned that the FS has not considered that the bears will not (and do not) stay out of parking areas and staging areas.

Mixing bear and human activities in the same areas seems unwise and should be reconsidered. Chasing ice on the lake is ludicrous (and short sighted) and with the unpredictable winds across the lake, having boats full of ill prepared tourist and operators is a few accidents waiting to happen.

Please don't pave over the area and paint lines for people to walk on. Save what's left of the glacier view by not blocking it with buildings and protect the wildlife from human interference; don't perpetrate Disney North.

Regards, Susan (Suki) Patterson Juneau resident/ 30 year Alaskan