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Comments: I support the careful analysis you are conducting of the significant effects these facility changes will incur.

Regarding Transportation - Parking and Access - expansion: Your proposal still prioritizes the expansion of parking spaces over reducing traffic congestion and minimizing effects to wetlands. I prefer vehicle parking in a remote area instead of at the best viewpoint at the end of the road near a salmon stream. A circulating electric tram from a remote parking lot solves this problem and has already received initial design work. Another possibility is to use circulating electric buses from the docks, perhaps in partnership with CBJ, which would allow parking at the end of the road to be reconstructed without expansion.

Regarding Facility - Welcome Center Complex - new: Nowhere in your design criteria do you mention prioritizing energy efficiency in this new Welcome Center complex and the buildings it will contain. You mention needs for the design to include interpretation, office space, food and maintenance, but nothing about the consideration of renewable energy as an organizing theme. While I realize that scoping letters can't explain all design elements in detail, especially those that are still in progress, I am quite worried that you are losing an opportunity to design these buildings and paved areas around a core need to interpret climate change in a realistic way, before a glacier that is rapidly disappearing.

Regarding Facility - Visitor Center - expansion: Why is there no mention of including a new exhibit about glacier science and climate change? This has already been designed at considerable cost by a team of experts in 2019?

Regarding Commercial guided tours: Use of "alternative energy" motors on boats doesn't go far enough in describing the need for electric motors. What other alternatives are you considering, gas turbines? As a Juneau resident, I am wary of this proposal. You should be assuring us that boats will be completely non-polluting and quiet as well as low-speed.

Regarding Preliminary issues identified in a recent spring scoping effort: These two issues are clearly important but you've also missed outlining a key issue. I believe that climate change is dramatically changing the ecology and human experience of the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area (and the world) and it's imperative to demonstrate solutions that do not burn fossil fuels and do not contribute greenhouse gases to our atmosphere. Framed in a positive way, the Forest Service has the opportunity to set a new course for a new time, a time in which renewable energy is a positive, organizing theme for our future.

Thank you for considering my comments.