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Comments: Thank you for accepting public input for the Ward Lake area planning. I am strongly apposed to adding any more tourist traffic to Ward Lake, Frog pond, Perseverance trail, Signal Creek area. I use Ward Lake often, but as a walking place for myself and as a field trip place for classes I teach (I teach at UAS Ketchikan Campus but do not in any way represent them). If guided tours in particular are allowed on the Ward Lake trail, I would find that very much not advantageous to my use of the Ward lake trail. Further, any changes to Ward lake drainage to mitigate flooding has the potential to alter its natural wetland areas. Ward lake has forested wetland and emergent areas around much of its perimeter which would be altered if flooding was not allowed. Please do not change the environmental parameters of Ward lake. It is important habitat to many birds, fish, aquatic insects, mammals and etc. I would also not like to see a cabin built anywhere around the Ward Lake trail, including in the signal creek area. A cabin would work in the Connel Lake area, or in the Last chance camp ground area just fine. I would like to see the current structures and trail maintained, but not added to with more structures. Please leave Ward Lake, Frog Pond, Perseverance for locals, with no guided tours and no additional structures. It gets so much use by locals, please leave it for us. Not everything needs to be given over to the tour industry. I use Ward Lake for recreational and for educational purposes, all times of the year, and do not want it flooded with tourists. Thank you for your time and consideration.