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Comments: Hello - I would like to list my thoughts in order of importance with #1 being most important. Thank you for the opportunity.

1) LIMIT FURTHER the commercial use of the Ward Lake and Ward Creek recreational area. This area is near and dear to the people of Ketchikan who have already lost the downtown to the tourists as well as City Park and other areas. Makes me sick to think we will see more and more tourists out on the Ward Lake and Ward Creek trails. Connell Lake Trail - PLEASE KEEP THE TOURISTS OFF THIS TRAIL - NO Commercial Use. And provide much better maintenance. Last time i hiked it, and it's been a while because it was treacherous, there was a tree across the trail. Don't bow to the almighty dollar - let us keep our recreational use wild and tourist free!

2) Keep the trails in good maintenance. The past 5-8 years there has been little to no maintenance on the trails. Gravel gets so low it becomes dangerous to take your eyes off the trail - so what good is that if you can't look around as you walk. Yes - raise a few areas of the trail up around Ward Lake to avoid flooding when the lake is high. Hire someone to go along and pick up the unfortunate trash (cans, bottles, paper) that gets tossed to the sides of the trails by idiots.

3) Replace all the informational signage - most of it looks terrible and is no longer legible these days. After you replace it - keep it maintained!

4) DO NOT PUT IN A CABIN for rent at Ward Lake or anywhere along the creek, Connell, Perserverance or Talbot Lakes. Don't be idiots, don't waste the money - you are just inviting disaster and unwanted use. Cabins at these sites will be vandalized constantly and become pieces of garbage in no time. Good luck with that if it goes through.

5) DO NOT hand over 3-C's campground to the native groups that want it. 3-C's should be a place that everyone can enjoy if they want to. Everyone is interested in the history of the area.

I have already heard measures were taken to hopefully eliminate the use of the campgrounds by the druggies and homeless people. This definitely needs to be dealt with or not. Walking the Ward Creek Trail we always walk around Last Chance campground and there have been times when we couldn't walk fast enough away from some sketchy campers. Same with Signal Creek campground.

I really, really would like to keep the tourists from ruining another part of Ketchikan! thank you.