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Comments: I write to you in opposition of the proposed plans for the Mendenhall Glacier. While I do acknowledge some changes to the visitor's center area could be beneficial, the scale of changes being proposed is counter to what brings people to the glacier. Locals and tourists alike love it for the wilderness feel, for the lack of infrastructure taking away from the natural beauty of the space. The appeal is the natural simplicity- the peacefulness of the glacial lakes unbroken by commercial boats, the woods that haven't been completely demolished to make way for a substantial paving project, the rock faces revealed unaltered from under the glacier. Why would you seek to alter the very things drawing people to the place? Furthermore, the ecological impact of the proposed changes would be terrible. The disruption to the bird nesting sites, the dredging of the lakes, the sheer amount of trees that would have to be removed. It's not worth fixing a thing that isn't broken.