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Re: Draft EIS, Mendenhall Visitors Center

Please consider my comments as part of the record for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor's Center facility improvements:

1.No motorized commercial watercraft on Mendenhall Lake: Please do not allow motorized boat traffic or any commercial ventures on Mendenhall Lake. With the high numbers of tourist traffic around the visitors center currently, the lake offers peace to the local community for non-motorized boaters and paddlers.

2.Improving winter amenities will be important. I would suggest and hope for the following:

a.Build all new trails to accommodate cross-country skiing. New trails should be wide enough to accommodate ski grooming equipment. For any trails where that is not possible, the trails should be wide enough for daylight and snow capture so that skiers on backcountry skis (where grooming isn't needed) and fat-tire bikers can utilize them in the winter.

b.Construction of the proposed Lake Shore Trail, with a pedestrian bridge over the Mendenhall River, connecting to the Campground would be wonderful for winter recreation, providing that it could accommodate ski grooming.

c.The proposed trails on the west side of the lake should also be wide enough for ski grooming equipment and daylighting. Having a continuous ski trail from the GVC through the campground and to the west side of the lake would be a benefit to the community.

d.Contracting with a professional Nordic ski trail designer would be prudent to ensure that the trails are suitable for skiing and other sports users.

3.Electric vehicle chargers for buses should be installed to encourage tour operators to transition away from fossil fuels.

4.Electric vehicle chargers should be installed for private vehicles on the east and west side parking areas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft EIS.