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The public has a right, and should, visit these natural wonders. It makes a lot of sense to concentrate the high public use but casual visitors in one general area, for many reasons:

- 1. By concentrating the use, the vast majority of the Tongass and wilderness receive a lot less impact.
- 2. Proper facilities, trails and maintenance can be built and maintained in a concentrated area.
- 3. It is a lot more safe for visitors and wildlife.
- 4. The visitor experience will be better with more signage, facilities, education opportunities, and variable time to spend.
- 5. Even for locals, the high class facilities will have new opportunities with most other local areas getting less impact from casual visitors.

There will be community impact, especially to locals he use the area a lot. It would be helpful to throw in some built facilities to benefit them, like parking and trails that are very useable in the off-season and not especially designed for the casual visitor.

Bottom line -- Don't get myopic about this one site, but consider it in the context of the whole area. Concentrate the high use here with facilities that can handle it, and it will especially benefit the environment and local use in all the other areas.