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Comments: Putting any kind of boat traffic on Mendenhall lake is a bad idea. The current use by canoes and kayaks are much more inline with the overall nature of the area. This area should be used as an example of what is happening globally with climate change. The glacier receding is only exacerbated by the gas engines of buses and potentially use of gas boats on the lake. Electric buses should be used, while again, keeping passenger boats altogether off the lake.

The Mendenhall glacier area and Dredge lake areas have traditionally been used as a major recreation area for people riding bikes, hiking, and walking dogs, off leash. Commercial use of these areas will change the use for locals and likely take away an important off leash area at Dredge lakes.

Our local voices are receiving very little weight up against the cruise ship industry that keeps pushing for more. There is a carrying capacity for this area. One that should give locals a greater say in limits. We rely on the Dredge lake and West Glacier trail areas to get away from the heavy tourist use around the lake and on East Glacier.

And what of the Special Interest Area protection?! The plans you are proposing to put significantly more people through here, will affect it to the point that it will no longer be a SIA. You will destroy the pristine habitat that makes room for animals and birds to feel safe. Your plan pinches down the habitat area to space that is too small for realistic, usable habitat.

There are plenty of national parks that get overwhelming streams of visitors who are kept to specific areas in order to not compromise the fragile environment. It is possible to say no to the cruise industry. They do not need to get close to or touch the glacier. The current view is spectacular. If they want more, show them some movies that talk about the history, the current problems with melting, the species that live in and around the glacier, and the area's importance to the local people.