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Comments: I support Alternative 1, no improvements, with the following exceptions.

?? trail improvement off the west glacier trail to the area just west of the current glacier terminus

?? building improvement or expansion of the current visitor center, but no new buildings or expanded bus parking.

?? cabins in the Mendenhall campground that could be used year round

I oppose motorized vehicles on the lake, expanded bus parking lots, a restaurant, a visitor center across the lake at the terminus of the glacier, to follow the glacier as it retreats.

My reasons are that the Mendenhall lake and surrounding wetlands is a rich wildlife area that should be protected for the local people and future generations and not turned into a "Disneyland" spectacle for hoards of tourists. I believe that showing our visitors a more natural and quiet experience is a much better experience for them. Teaching that the glacier is in fact retreating instead of chasing it is a good learning experience. And in regards to the busses, it is way past time that it needs to be restricted. Instead of parking countless busses in such a beautiful, how about a fleet of electric (or at least busses in good condition that don't belt out diesel exhaust all the way from downtown to the glacier) that just run back and forth so people can come and go as they are done instead of waiting in lines for a specific bus.