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Comments: I am a long-time local resident and have used the Visitor Center area extensively. Since I've retired from full time employment, I've been a tour guide for Gastineau Guiding. This input is my own and not on behalf of my employer. I'm generally in favor of less extensive/disruptive development. I am supportive of west side trail improvement to facilitate safer visitation to the glacier. I would also urge that at the time of such work, improvement of the stream crossing at the "wash-out". The crossing can be quite dangerous, especially in high stream flow conditions. The West Glacier trail is awesome and this would facilitate hikes to its official end, which I believe is where the McGinnis route continues up the lower flank from the knob viewpoint. I also support a less extensive Lakeshore Trail, as proposed in Alternative 4. Finally, I urge you to consider maintaining the Nugget Creek Trail. This would include dealing with downed trees over the trail and replacing washed out bridges over the larger branch streams. As commercial use of East Glacier Trail increases, it would be nice to have places for locals to go away from the crowds. Thank you. Phil Gutleben