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Comments: Good day,

I am writing to voice my opinion about the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements Project. I am a 73 year old, long time resident of Juneau and an avid hiker and kayaker. I visit the Mendenhall Glacier frequently. To be concise, I favor NO CHANGE to the existing facilities. I love and visit the area as it is now. Sometimes it is crowded and over used, but if you make it bigger and easier to access, the tourist industry will just pack it more full of tourists and everyone (locals and tourists) will have a degraded experience. A couple more bathrooms and some improvement of existing trails might be a good idea but other than that the existing area is perfect. Who benefits from these plans? Not the residents of Juneau. The tourism industry will benefit, but not the tourists. They will see an even more populated and un-natural landscape with less awe and wonder and more concrete and noise. I could go on and on with reasons why the area is special to me and why it should not be changed but I am sure many have done so more beautifully than I could. Please do not change that which already so wonderful. Thank you for your time.