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Comments: Please consider the following as my comment regarding the proposed Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area Visitor "Improvements" Project.

I do not support motorized boats, AT ALL, nor do I support the development of docks. The area is too ecologically important, and I believe the addition of motorized vessels and related infrastructure will PERMANENTLY and IRREVERSIBLY damage the area. Some of the proposed sites and structures for the docks completely block the bear routes, and their feeding zones.

For bus traffic, I do not support filling ponds that are currently used by wildlife, fish, birds and bears. I believe there are other ways to relocate and reschedule bus traffic to manage the crowds. I also would like to suggest moving to eventually requiring electric buses and vans.

To develop more rest rooms, I do not support the proposed "Welcome Center". I believe there are other ways to add in more rest room facilities.

The proposed Welcome Center is a great idea, but please propose an alternate location that will not block the views for everyone.

I support the concept of offering more trails and side trails. However, none of the alternatives offered adequately provide for bears to move around the area in their established routes.

In summary, I firmly believe that improvements are needed in order to manage the volume of visitors. However, I believe that none of the proposed alternatives do enough to protect and preserve the wild natural environment. YOU CAN DO BETTER, USFS, so c'mon.

Thank you