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Comments: My family and I visit the Glacier regularly. On summer evenings when the tourists are long gone, in the winter when its quiet, when the northern lights are out, for random pictures when someone elsewhere needs a very "Alaska" photo. We get a handful of annual passes for ourselves and for friends that visit, and know that many other locals do as well. As the people who live in this environment and interact with the Tongass and the Glacier facilities regularly, I haven't talked to anyone who likes the plan presented. The least objectionable idea is the bridge across the Mendenhall River to connect the campground to Dredge Lakes. Every other piece, and even this one, poses more questions than we've found with answers.

Particularly within a national forest and especially when watching, year by year, as the Glacier recedes, the idea of continuing to damage the environment with a larger parking lot, fewer trees for porcupines, filling in beaver lakes, this all seems like a bad idea. The designs don't work with the environment, present different concerns about their inevitable use as public use cabins, there doesn't seem to be a problem with the current center that upgrades wouldn't fix, and while tourists don't seem to care about food attracting bears, the rest of us certainly do, despite the nostalgia of pie at the glacier.

The whole idea has such a large price tag that should be directed toward programs that combat the very visible effects of climate change. Seems like a waste of tax/revenue dollars when there are so many better things for the federal government to spend money on.