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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the DEIS for proposed Facility "Improvements" at the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center. I do not support any of the alternatives in their entirety. In general, I support options that maintain or improve year-round access for non-motorized visitors. I believe improvements could be made to the existing structures and parking lots to improve accessibility and better manage crowds during the summer. I support enhancement of trails and development of trails to connect the east and west side systems. I STRONGLY OPPOSE motorized vessel traffic and infrastructure on the lake. I would like to see restrictions on the use of drones and other remotely controlled aircraft that have the potential to harass wildlife and visitors alike. Thank you.

Parking and Access Expansion: I support improving parking and traffic flow and keeping commercial vehicles further from the visitor center.

Welcome Center Complex and Visitor Center: I do not support building a 14,000 sf structure, but I do support making improvements to the existing Visitor Center to enhance the visitors' experiences, provide safer access, and improve energy efficiency.

Glacier Spur Rd trailheads: I support improvements to trailheads.

Lakeshore Trail: I support construction of a trail to connect the west and east side trail systems for year-round non-motorized recreation.

Public Use Cabins: I support development of new public use cabins that would be utilized by residents and visitors year-round.

Trail Improvement and Expansion: In general, I support trail maintenance, improvement, and limited expansion, if they enhance non-motorized, low-impact, year-round enjoyment of the area.

Dredge Lakes Trails: I encourage development of the Dredge Lakes Multi-Use trails and would like to see these restricted to non-motorized use. Ebikes should not be allowed on trails as they create more user conflicts with hikers.

Boat Docks for Commercial Motorized Boats: ABSOLUTELY NOT! Commercial, motorized, polluting boats are not a compatible use.

Remote Visitor Area: Not necessary. With a little creativity, the main visitor center can provide an immersive experience and show visitors how climate change is dramatically changing the landscape. We don't need to chase it as it retreats from our view.