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Comments: As a resident of the area on the west glacier side, I would like to leave some comments. My parents have lived in our home on the edge of the Tongass and campground area since the 1990's and been in Juneau since the 80's. My dad was a special education teacher in the Juneau school district for over 25 years and my mom works as a secretary at a local medical clinic for over 15 years. They are almost retired, and looking forward to spending the rest of their lives in our home in this peaceful beautiful area. It's important to look at the historical use of each area where you are proposing "improvements". We enjoy this area of the west glacier side every single day, and that is not an understatement. We go on walks, ski and ice skate in the winter. In the summer we walk the untouched shoreline, explore the woods, hike to the glacier and raft or paddle on the lake. We interact with travelers occasionally and many of the travelers and campers who come to the West side of the lake come to enjoy the quiet, beautiful, wild and unpaved nature of Alaska, they do not come to hop off a bus and take photos of the rapidly receding glacier and hop back on. We also host a small airbnb where our guests also express their love of this quiet beautiful area. The current commercial use-the rafters and Tlingit Canoers, guided hikes and biking tours have relatively low-impact as far as noise, air and water pollution-and this should most definitely be maintained. My mom used to guide for a hiking company, taking people on trails right near our home, and being able to share stories of the area. I previously guided tourists on helicopter tours to trek on the glacier, which aside from the noise pollution (which can be obnoxious and disturbing) is a great way to give a smaller select group the option to see, touch and learn about the icefield with minimal impact on the land surrounding it. The air pollution and energy-use is not great but there is a smaller percentage that will pay to do this type of tour-and typically it's those tourists that dream of seeing glacial ice up close and really want to learn about it. All that said, there has been a long historical use of the west side being an area with minimal cruise ship tourists, a low number tourists and travelers seeking a different Alaskan experience than those on the East side, and a lot of local use-this should most definitely be maintained and the forest service should not be introducing a whole new user group to this delicate area. NO action or infrastructure is necessary and will be harmful to this natural area that is a refuge to so many animals, plants and people who really know and care about it. There shouldn't be anymore parking, pavement or gravel trails added. There's already plenty on both sides of the lake. There should be absolutely NO more added boat usage and zero motorized boats introduced. Trying to haul a bunch of tourists in boats to look at the glacier up close is so ridiculous, especially when it will be melting further into the mountains and will eventually be gone. Looking at the historical use of this area, I do not see any other reason to develop and introduce more infrastructure other than the fact that it increases more access to the area to a whole new user group. More access, means more tourists, more buses and pollution, and more money going into pockets of cruise ships and commercial companies that do not have the best interest of the land, the climate, or the local people in mind. You have already developed and disturbed a beautiful area on the East side of the lake, that supposedly manages the loads of tourists that come through the east side. Regarding the east side, I hope you can figure out ways to use the areas that you've already paved and developed. The heavy tourism and the overdevelopment on the East side has already disturbed this sacred natural area, including the bears, birds, fish and overall eco-system. This is a National forest, if anything I would hope that "improvements" and money could go into how to further protect the land rather than overuse it even more, and reduce the amount of cruise ships, buses and people flocking to this area. Especially when they're coming to see a glacier that will sadly be gone soon. All that said, I thank you for reviewing my comments and I am proposing a no action Alternative 1.