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Comments: With regard to the MGRA proposals, most of my comments are based on the effort made by the USFS to accommodate TOO many visitors. As a result of these efforts, I feel that the visitor experience would be degraded for both residents and tourists. If there were fewer people allowed per day in the MGRA, the lake shore trail could be shortened significantly, and perhaps could loop onto the ecology trail. Visitors could access the dredge lake trails via the ecology trail or loop back to the visitor center. This would limit the access to the dredge lake trails system thus preserving the solitude of dredge lakes for residents.

As a resident, if I discover there are multiple ships in town, I usually discount the MGRA as an outing alternative. Dredge lakes would still be an option, despite the number of visitors in town. If it is made easily accessible to masses of people, it would diminish the solitude of the area, and make it less of an option as well.

To extend the lake shore trail to Mendenhall river and bridge across, would significantly degrade the camping experience for those using the campground. The west side of the river currently provides a quiet area for camping and cross country skiing. That would change dramatically with a bridge coming from the visitor center.

To provide boats to a hardened trail leading to glacier face pods would seriously infringe upon the serenity of the entire area. There are already excursions in place to transport people to the area. That would tend to be an entire day excursion rather than part of an MGRA visit.

As many national parks in the lower 48, a limited number of people per day in the MGRA would eliminate the need for these extravagant proposals. By extending the season from April 1st to October 31st, in order to achieve a reasonable average number of people per day, is not a good solution to the problem.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.