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Comments: I am strongly opposed to Alternatives 2 and 3. Alternative 4 has some acceptable aspects but also includes too much development, paving, large parking areas and contorting the natural environment to accommodate cruise ship visitors. None of the alternatives seem to protect the values of the natural landscape.

For the most part, the proposed "improvements" degrade the experience of enjoying the magnificence of the landscape and the wonder of a mostly uncluttered natural area. I recommend that you keep the "improvements" modest and make respect for the existing natural area the guiding principle in any changes.

I oppose putting motorized boats on the lake, the associated docks and staging areas, and structures for visitors closer to the glacier. It is ridiculous to "chase the glacier". Through intelligent and creative interpretation, tourists can shift their appreciation to enjoying the broader landscape and understanding landscape and climate change.

Putting motorized boats on the lake, with the associated infrastructure, will ruin the aesthetics and soundscape of the entire watershed. Right now, from nearly every location, you can view and photograph the natural glacier, lake and surrounding mountains, without seeing infrastructure and undue human activity in the what is truly a world class natural view. With the addition of boats on the lake and the infrastructure that goes with allowing visitors to chase the glacier face, those natural views will be gone. What we will then see is a lake/mountain-scape with human-built crap and buzzing human activity littering the view. This is ruination.

In your focus on chasing the glacier you are missing the greatness and appeal of the whole glacier valley environment. You should draw visitors' attention to the grand landscape now exposed by the glacial retreat, plant succession, the mountains, Nugget Falls, and the loss of natural wonders and risks to them posed by climate change.

I also object to the plans for greatly increasing paved parking areas, including the proposed 20+ car parking at the Powerline Trail entrance and the Crystal Lake trail head.

The giant bus and car parking area that will destroy the pond and creek in Alternative 2 near the current parking lots is an outrage in its insensitivity to the natural values and scenic aesthetics of the area.

The sketch of the proposed new visitor center in place of the current pavilion looks like a shopping mall surrounded by large stretches of paving. The designers of the current visitor center took pride in having a structure that blended into the landscape -- and did not dominate or detract. Why can't you also honor that ethic?

I support expanding and improving the walking/XC skiing trails in the recreation area and improving the access to the glacier from the west glacier trail.