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Comments: I support alternatives 2, 3 and 4 in the DEIS that propose continuing and improving most of the user-created network of mountain biking and hiking trails in the Dredge Lakes area, maintaining the current rustic character of the trails by keeping the trails narrow and using native gravel found in the area to cap muddy sections, rather than importing D-1 gravel that might typically be used. I don't support decommissioning the section of the Tulip Traverse trail that crosses the Moraine Ecology Loop as increased traffic will cause more conflict between bikers and hikers.

I support the proposed lakeshore trail and bridge (included in Alternatives 2 and 3) that would link the Dredge Lakes area with the Mendenhall campground and West Glacier area. However, I don't support the idea of a parking lot next to the new bridge in Alternatives 2 and 3 as car traffic would impact the seclusion of this area and the camping experience. I also don't support Alternatives 2 and 3 that propose construction of a 14-foot loop trail above the West Glacier trail. Further trail development in this area should be consistent with the existing trail that is more rustic. A road-like trail makes sense on the lakeshore where it is closer to areas that have already been developed, but not closer to the alpine.

I don't support the Remote Glacier Visitor Area in alternatives 2 and 3 as I think this would negatively impact the character of the glacier by disrupting the natural setting. I think it is a worthy endeavor to bring people closer to the glacier via motorized boats to increase accessibility, but I only support this concept if the boats are electric, and they do not land next to the glacier. I think an experience akin to Tracy Arm, where a boat brings you close to the glacier, is a way to address the concern of the receding glacier without putting infrastructure right near it. I think the building of docks at the foot of the glacier would change the character of the view and landscape. Furthermore if electric boats were to bring visitors onto the lake for a closer view of the glacier, the USFS should directly manage this operation to ensure that it is run safely and with minimal impact to the area, ensuring that the volume of trips doesn't create traffic on the lake.