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Comments: The Mendenhall Glacier is retreating at such a pace that in five years or so, it won't even reach the

lake. By the time a new visitor's center is built, the glacier will barely be visible much less awe inspiring.

One of the treasures of that area is West Glacier Trail. The view of the glacier from above is one of those quintessential "I live in the most beautiful state" moments. If we were serious about visitor interaction with the glacier, I would do it by considering a road that parallels West Glacier Trail from the trailhead around the lake, to that big rock (where everyone gets lost), and build a center there. Use electric shuttles to shuttle people from the trailhead to there.

I feel building a new visitor center would be a waste of money only because the glacier is retreating SO fast. Bring visitors closer to what remains.