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Comments: The recently proposed plan to upgrade the bus parking lot and provide electrically-powered vehicles from there is an excellent idea, leaving private parking spaces as they are, perhaps with additional space designated for people with disabilities and young children.

Placing the new welcome center there also appeals to me, removing the blight of a huge building that is only needed in one season out of competitive view of the natural surroundings--which could be enhanced in that area, including subtly-as-possible radiating trail connections from there.

The bear viewing here is a primary asset. All plans should consider the needs necessary to encourage their presence, such as not tempting them into bad behavior by the presence of commercially available food. Dogs must be on leashes, which is an added safety factor as well.

Putting boats of any sort on the lake is totally unnecessary and detrimental to the entire enterprise. They would add to lake warming and accelerate glacial retreat. Boats are a distraction to the natural world there. Dock construction would become the apparent focus, a huge distraction, a dead-end maze. NO BOATS! The Nugget Falls trails can be widened for proper maintenance without including the Dredge Lake area. There is nothing there they are seeking. Most of the summer visitors are not going to care about taking trips that delay their return to the boat and other opportunities during their brief Juneau sojourn. Again, back off the bears! Expanding commercial access further from central areas threatens all wildlife, an asset we can not expect to remain if taken for granted.

The viewscape is essentially important. Visible trails offer nothing more than human-centered confusion. People crave quality of experience. Focus on enhancing their love for nature and encourage them to care for our world and immediate environment by setting an example!