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Comments: Juneau is very lucky to have this Mendenhall glacier area for the community, wildlife, and visitors. With this truth in mind, I would like to submit the following for the anticipated "glacier project"

1) I oppose any motorized boats or docks on the lake. To help the animals and citizens of Juneau, only paddle boats should be allowed like they have been for years. Even the plan of electric boats crossing every 15 minutes should not be allowed. Use the Portage glacier as an example. In the 80's you could drive and camp right next to it. Since it has receded Gray Line sells all the tickets for the boat ride to see it t \$45.00 per person. Great for Grey Line but the resident wildlife and people it has been a sad deterioration. There is a trail, 2 miles each direction, however, little to no maintenance occurs on the trail. So let the Mendenhall glacier area learn from this and not create another hazard for the wildlife and nature. It seems like chasing a rainbow!

2) As far as the new visitor center, I am glad to hear that the old one will stay. I would like to see the new one built as in Alternative 7 as a less invasive and easier for both the animals and people. The visitors should have the electric circulation shuttle which would bring them closer to the trails. The current situation is horrible with the buses the pollution. noise and garbage is appalling and a hazard to the people and wildlife & plants.

3) Plans for the trails seem excessive and create a dangerous formula for the Bears and other wildlife as well as people who are walking. I am very opposed to any paving of trails by the shoreline. Some of the trails further back look good, but I OPPOSE any trail being 14 feet wide. All paved trails should only be wide enough for a wheelchair to have easy access, beyond that would destroy the landscape and change the resident bear behaviors.

4) I OPPOSE any food or drink to be sold on any area of the Glacier visitor center, or trails or anywhere. Even currently, food is always a problem when you mix it with bears. I have seen some people throwing food into the bushes "to attract the bear closer!" ..This is only common sense, Please, People can do without food for a few hours and not suffer!

Thank you for all your work on this project. I look forward to the next phase of the proposed project.