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Comments: Dear USFS planners,

I am a local outdoor enthusiast. I have a few opinions about the proposed "improvements" to the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area.

My first choice would be #1: NO ACTION.

Part of Alaska's draw to locals and tourists alike is its raw, untouched beauty. Let's keep it simple and do the least, thereby protecting what folks are actually coming here for.

If you must make improvements please DO NOT include commercial boats on the lake or a remote visitor center. There is just something obscene with using fossil fuels to chase the ice further up the valley.

Enhancing the salmon and bear habitat at the Steep Creek is a good idea, as long as it is done in such a way to minimize conflict between humans and bears.

Please do not create a restaurant. Most of the tourists are only at the glacier for an hour, they can last that long without food. The food will bring in more waste and most likely more problems with the bears.

Please continue to protect the Arctic Tern Nesting sites, and do more to keep dogs out of that area.

Thank you.

Suzanne Cohen