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Comments: I have been a recreational user of MCRA for 53 years. I have seen many changes due to the constant growth of visitation. As this is a relatively small and fragile area, there has to be a limit to the development takes place as a result of this human impact.

I am opposed to Alternatives 5 and 7. The establishment of a Remote Glacier Visitors Center and Dock, including a Welcome Center dock, is too intrusive, seriously impacting the solitude and quiet enjoyment of the area. It is also inconsistent with the scenic values of the glacier terminus and background, perhaps the most unique feature of MCRA.

I do support Alternative 6, which is much more consistent with the way MCRA has been managed historically. A new Welcome Center near the existing Visitors center is appropriate, as well as trail expansion, such as the West Glacier High Loop proposal. A lakeshore trail bridge linking the east and west side is also acceptable, though how it would avoid congestion in the campground is an issue.

In summary, MCRA is a high value scenic and wildlife attraction close to a major population center.
Over development will lead to overuse, diminishing these values in the future. It is the responsibility of USFS to protect these values for all citizens.