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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Draft Supplemental EIS.

I greatly appreciate the new alternatives in this document. My comments below follow from those I submitted earlier on the Draft EIS (2022), which I request that you incorporate by reference.

My biggest objection, as noted in my earlier comments, is to any plan to place any kind of motorized transportation on Mendenhall Lake, and in the placing of a remote visitor center at the glacier terminus. I also see these 2 objections in the vast majority of public responses submitted to the draft and this supplemental EIS, and I hope these public objections are taken seriously.

I appreciate alternatives that place a new visitor Welcome Center expansion in the bus parking lot area or in its historic location so as to maintain the impressive views and natural landscape that currently exists as we approach the area. I find the comments submitted to you by Laurie Craig on this matter on 2/15/2023 to be particularly informed and compelling and ask those views also reflect my view. Of a single alternate to the Welcome Center location(s) I prefer Alternative 7, and the combination of a new center in the bus parking area along with modification/expansion at the historic location makes good sense. I encourage the use of electric circulator shuttles to get folks unloading in the bus parking lot (and possible new Welcome Center) area to somewhere near the current bus loading and view area.

I see a significant carbon footprint associated with transporting millions of visitors to the Mendenhall Glacier Recreation Area using internal combustion engine powered vehicles. I urge the USFS to take whatever steps and actions that are possible to reduce this impact. A significant vehicle entry teriff related to vehicle type and size might facilitate lowering that carbon footprint.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment.