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Comments: This is supplemental comments to my submission on February 15, 2023: Food service in the historic visitor center was discontinued in 1978 due to lack of customer support. The Sit Ya failed for economic reasons, despite our fond memories of pie and other items. At that time, the site of the restaurant was converted to a small theater, and eventually to today's bookstore after the 1999 remodeling that added the auditorium. There were no bears known to visit the area during years when food was served; they were rarely seen even into the 1990s due to lack of protective habitat. As vegetative succession has grown a forest, the entire MGRA has changed. Food, garbage, and bears don't mix. If the purpose is to host more summer guests, which is clearly the goal of the improvements, then we need to recognize that that customer base has food available 24-hours a day on the cruise ship. They can likely survive the short duration of their visit amid the wildness of nature without food. There are many opportunities for food service provided elsewhere by private industry which would collect CBJ sales tax and support local services. The Forest Service should not compete with local restaurants.