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Comments: Here are my brief comments on the proposed plans for the MGVC . They are not in order by options but are my specific comments. These should be considered in combination with my comments on the previous document.

-No changes should be made to the west side of Mendenhall Lake. There should be no commercial use of that area.

-No boats on the lake to travel across and see the glacier. Any boat noise/conversation will carry and add disturbance to wildlife and others enjoying the peace of the area. The idea of docks and launch areas will add erosion to the lakeshore with boat wakes, no matter how small. There is already a barren soil area where river raft loading occurs.

-In addition the moveable pods to allow visitors a glacier experience is unjustified and will spoil the views that we enjoy from the visitor center.

-There should be no paved or graveled trail around the lake. The area should not have that much human disturbance.

-No commercial use of Dredge Lakes, that area is used by so many dog walkers, hikers, walkers, runners, etc. that having commercial groups use that area will diminish locals and independent visitors enjoyment of that area.

-The Visitor Center improvements should be cut into the hill to expand the present facility.

-A larger parking lot back from the area would be justified and electric shuttle buses should be available for large group transport to the Visitor Center.

-I do not think a bridge over ZigZag Pond would enhance the area and would instead forever alter the simple beauty of this pond used by fish and wildlife species.

- I do not agree with the plan to connect Dredge Lakes to the campground with a bridge. It would make the campground less safe from vandalism/theft and add general disturbance by people to the campground.

- Any cabins added should be walk in from the existing road. No additional roads should be added to the area.

- No picnicking or added parking within the campground which would add disturbance to campers. More parking is needed by skaters cabin. The present parking area overflows on good winter days.

-Dredge Trail could use improvements ie. gravel in wet areas, trail packing, etc. but not widening.

-Larger trail head parking spots are needed at numerous trailheads.

- I think the proposed Nugget Falls Loop would be a good addition to this popular trail area.

- West Glacier ski trail additions would be a welcome enhancement for winter users.

- Steep Creek - there needs to be separation of the human and wildlife crossing areas. Obviously without such separation conflicts will occur with bears and people.

- A proposed welcome center should not be built where it blocks the view of the lake and the glacier.

Overall the less disturbance to this area the better. There is no need to commercialize this popular area of the Juneau Ranger District. It would be ideal to set limits on the daily number of visitors but in practicality it would be difficult. However I believe that idea should be explored. A commercial permit system could be created to limit buses, etc. on a daily or seasons basis.

Thank you for considering these comments.