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Comments: Just some general comments from a person that has hiked hundreds of miles about Mendenhall Glacier, camped there and skied when the lake was frozen.

Mass commercial tourism is the driving force of change at Mendenhall Glacier. Will broad easy access to incredible nature destroy that which is sought? Yes, that is the result without a focus away from packing as many tourists as possible onto the trails and into boats zipping about the lake. Instead of attempting to maximize profits for tour operators, let's focus on the value of nature at Mendenhall Glacier.

How to retain the glorious vistas, protect animal habitat and yet be accessible to the hordes wishing to visit? I'd suggest most visitors could be happily satisfied with a visit to a quality Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, staffed with guides to answer questions. This, combined with carefully created and maintained short nature loops, with appropriate signs describing elements of nature and yet protecting same. No, no, no to motorized boats on the lake as well as boat rentals. Allow Mendenhall Lake to be a wonderful body of water with just few kayaks and canoes being paddled about. This will also enhance the experience of the tourists just enjoying nature from the visitor center and on the trails.

Please don't turn Mendenhall Glacier into Disneyland North!