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Comments: To whom it may concern,

As a member of the public who frequently visits the Mendenhall Glacier area for the peace and tranquility, I support Alternative 1, no further action. I do not believe large scale construction projects, with their immense carbon emissions and disruption of nearby habitat, are in the best interest of both nature and the USFS. "If you build it, they will come" is great when it comes to converting agricultural land to recreational opportunities but is a bad mantra for converting natural habitat into parking lots for a larger volume of tourists. More visitors will mean more degradation of this delicate ecosystem.

If the USFS moves forward with any other alternative, I am in favor of Alternatives 4 and 6. These involve no building of infrastructure on the lake itself. The addition of commercial tourist boats and motorized boats would be a tragedy. Instead of the sounds of birds and the cascade of Nugget Falls, the whole area would be drowned with the noise of droning motors. This would be a selfish money grab that would be immensely disrespectful to the animals and humans who enjoy spending time at this natural wonder. Please do not allow motorized boats on Mendenhall Lake. Additionally, it is quite special that the view from the visitor center toward the glacier is nothing but pristine wilderness. Building any sort of infrastructure on the west shore of the lake would ruin this view and even more so building a dock right next to the glacier. That would no doubt ruin the experience for millions of visitors to the glacier.

In summary, please do not move forward with any development or approval of motorized boating in Mendenhall lake and move forward with Alternative 1, or at minimum, alternatives 4 or 6.

Thank you.