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Comments: A year ago I wrote to you to express my displeasure at the planned "improvements" for the Mendenhall Glacier visitor center. I have lived all my life 0.8 miles from the Mendenhall Glacier visitor center. As a child, my family spent all the time we could within the park, from hiking the east and west glacier trails to nordic skiing on the lake and in the dredge lake system. In the summers I worked jobs funded by tourism, and I am by far no stranger to what sustains my community. However; in recent years, I have stayed away from the park. The crowds, the people, and the noise have been more than enough to keep me and many of my local friends away. My standpoint as a Juneau resident and an individual who benefits from tourism is that these plans are simply unjustified. Already the park is not operating at total capacity so the need for the increase is unjustified.

In response to the, newest plans for the visitor center changes I support the

Welcome Center, Visitor Center and parking design from Alternative 4

Dredge Lake Trail actions and commercial capacity from Alternative 4

Visitor capacity for Visitor Center Unit from Alternative 4

Visitor capacity for other units and trails from Alternative 1

Lakeshore trail from Alternative 1

Public use cabins from Alternatives 2-4

Nugget Falls trail expansion from Alternative 1

Steep Creek Habitat restoration from Alternative 2

Steep creek trail expansion from Alternative 4

Boat docks and relative facilities from Alternatives 1 and 4

Remote Visitor Center and associated facilities from Alternatives 1 and 4

Management Unity boundaries from Alternative 4

Forest Orders except for nighttime closures in winter from Alternatives 1-4