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Comments: Greetings, Frank Sherman, Forest Supervisor for the Tongass National Forest:

First, I want to applaud the decision in the new plan for the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Facility Improvements Project to refrain from allowing motorized vessels from the Mendenhall Lake, especially those propelled by fossil fuels.

However, I have a continuing strong objection to the placement of the new welcome center. I urge you to eliminate the proposed view-blocking welcome center and instead follow the suggestion in alternative 6 to locate the new welcome center in the current bus parking area. While a welcome center may be a useful addition to the area, it should not be sited smack in the middle of one of the best views, and should be designed so that it fits into rather than looms over and distracts from the area. I raised this issue in both of my earlier comments on this project.

Thank you.