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Comments: I urge the USFS to make haste on the Herbert Glacier Cabin! Not only will it help meet the tremendous demand for road-system backcountry cabins, the proposed location meets several important siting criteria for me. To wit, one could bike there, and my children did so as young as age 3, but it's far enough from the road to offer remote-recreation values. This is also an underutilized area of the Tongass, despite it's proximity to the major population center. This cabin will make connecting trips to existent cabins more viable (Peterson Lake, Windfall Lake and John Muir), which should be a goal of the USFS for road system cabins. Additionally, it presents unique recreation potential, too, both as a base from which to access the Juneau icefield, as well as having immediately adjacent fishing, paddling, mountain biking, and Nordic skiing options. Finally, it's worth noting that locals do not typically visit the Mendhenhall in the summer, given the crowding and commercial uses of the area, so this is a nice option for locals to engage our unique icefield-to-oceans ecology. I hope this project is approved and construction can begin immediately!