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Comments: I write in support of and to encourage the USFS to make build the Herbert Glacier Cabin.

At present, the demand for USFS cabins in Southeast Alaska and in Juneau in particular is off the charts. This cabin would add another option off a beautiful, well-maintained trail. It is one of the few bikable trails (and as a parent who has taken his then very young children on that trail) and offers that as a huge advantage.

The Herbert Glacier trail is somewhat underutilized compared to other trails in Juneau, and this could help spread the population around. This cabin would also make connecting trips to existing cabins more viable (Peterson Lake, Windfall Lake and John Muir), which is an added bonus and challenge. 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 promptly.

Thanks very much for your time and consideration.