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Comments: To the US Forest Service,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Forest Service's proposed Herbert Glacier Cabin Project.

As a lover of our public lands, National Forests and Parks, as well as state and local, it is always exciting to travel somewhere new and utilize the resources of the area, specifically campgrounds and cabins. Herbert Glacier is actually on our list to visit this summer when we go to Juneau!

Herbert Glacier is a treasured area that provides opportunities for a wide range of recreational and subsistence activities, including fishing, hunting, trapping, berry picking, hiking, and camping. According to a 2022 Alaska public use survey, this site was the most requested location in the Tongass for a new public-use cabin-a clear indication of its popularity and significance to both local residents and visitors.

Placing a cabin approximately one mile from the glacier terminus along the existing 4.4-mile Herbert Glacier Trail would meaningfully expand public access to this high-value recreation area. The cabin would offer hikers and cyclists a safe and comfortable place to rest and enjoy the stunning scenery. The inclusion of a helicopter landing pad would also provide accessibility for those unable to make the journey by foot, broadening the opportunity for a more diverse range of users to enjoy this exceptional landscape.

In summer, when Juneau experiences an influx of cruise visitors and popular areas become congested, Herbert Glacier offers a quiet refuge for those seeking to reconnect with nature. This project will enhance public enjoyment of the Tongass in a way that aligns with our shared values of sustainable, low-impact outdoor recreation.

Thank you for considering this valuable addition to our public lands.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Bycott