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Comments: Hi, Brad,
Here are my comments as a private citizen.

Will the current usage fees increase for residents and cruise ship passengers?
This project shows there will be a significant increase in Forest Service maintenance responsibilities. Has the project team considered how much additional staff would be required to maintain the new buildings, roads, trails, etc.?
If I understand correctly, the building planned for the West Glacier trail will only be accessed via a trail. My first question is, why do we need a building in that area? My second question is why can we only access via the trail?
The changes that are shown in the project could conceivably affect salmon habitat. What is your plan to keep salmon habitat disruption to a minimum?
Although cedar trees are rare in the Juneau area, we do have them. Does your project address maintaining any cedar trees encountered? If so, what is your plan?
Why do we need four docks? Why not one?
I noticed on one of the renderings there were solar panels on the building. Do you plan to use solar power? If so, with so little sunlight, do you plan to have a generator that runs in the event that your battery bank is unable to keep up with demand? If you do plan to use a generator, have you considered the noise and how it can affect local wildlife?
Last, but certainly not least, I can only assume you will be installing additional restrooms. How will you ensure that the sewage is properly managed? In other words, will the outflow be checked often enough to ensure that it is not polluting the area?
I think I saw something about hydro. Has an EIS been done yet on the affects that hydro could have on salmon? Our salmon returns are low enough as it is and we don't need to add hydro to the mix if we don't need to.
In viewing the renderings of the buildings shown close to the glacier, I am concerned that we are commercializing the area too much by adding a hotel to the mix. I understand that folks want to see the glacier, but they don't need to get that close to it. We have other lodging available and we don't need a hotel near the glacier.
Which brings me to my next concern. Will the buildings be removed if the glacier begins to grow? I saw that you had plans for a Children's Science Center, which is a good idea, but how about an adult interactive center? How about more information for adults on caring for plants/trees? This could attract folks who want to do an eco trip.
Regards,
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