



Concepts

These concepts illustrate what the park might look and feel like if ideas in the Winter and Shoulder Season Plan were implemented. These are not formal proposals, but examples of different directions the park could take in the winter and shoulder seasons.

Costs are estimates only, and include one-time investments in construction or equipment as well as ongoing costs related to maintenance and staffing needs.

	Concept A: No Implementation	Concept B: Light Touch	Concept C: Approachable Wilderness	Concept D: Varied Experiences	Concept E: Focus on the Accessible
Winter Road Plowing	No Plowing	No Plowing	No Plowing	Plowing to Mountain Vista in February	Plowing to Mountain Vista in February
Spring Road Access	As at present: Large bus tours start early to mid-May, no CUAs	Small vehicle tours operate, no large buses until summer	Small tours operate, no large buses until summer	Small vehicle tours operate, large buses go to Primrose, shuttle bus service to Teklanika	As at present – large bus tours start early to mid May, no small vehicle tours
Trails	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •No grooming •No Auefis Trail •No Spring Trail reroute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue grooming at entrance •Aufies trail as a visitor opportunity •No Spring Trail reroute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue grooming at entrance •Nenana River Trail grooming •Auefis Trail as a visitor opportunity •No Spring Trail reroute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue grooming at entrance •Nenana River Trail grooming •No Auefis Trail opportunity •Spring Trail reroute 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Continue grooming at entrance •Nenana River Trail grooming •No Auefis Trail opportunity •Spring Trail reroute
Visitor Center	Intimate visitor center with adjacent heated facility (i.e., keep using the MSLC and Murie Dining Hall as at present)	Intimate visitor center with adjacent heated facility capable of a quality visitor experience (e.g., improve experience at the Murie Dining Hall and open DVC earlier / later)	Expanded visitor center in the vicinity of the MSLC (e.g., addition to MSLC)	Flagship visitor center in the entrance area, but not on the DVC campus (e.g., retrofit Denali Bus Depot and open DVC earlier / later)	Flagship visitor center on the DVC campus (e.g., retrofit the DVC, construct new building)
Public Use Shelters	No public use shelters available to general public	No public use shelters available to general public	Public use shelter trial; if successful, max = roadside locations with vault toilets	Public use shelter trial; if successful, max = roadside locations with vault toilets	No public use shelters available to general public
Other Visitor Opportunities	No new visitor opportunities	Teklanika and Savage campgrounds open earlier ~Spring roadside camping	~Teklanika and Savage campgrounds open earlier ~Spring roadside camping	~Staffed Savage cabin ~Teklanika and Savage campgrounds open earlier ~Spring roadside camping	~Staffed Savage cabin ~Increased visitor contacts in the historic Headquarters district
Visitor Center Cost	\$20,000	\$75,000	\$2,800,000	\$3,500,000	\$5,900,000
Other Upfront Costs	\$0	\$5,000	\$150,000	\$420,000	\$160,000
Total Ongoing Yearly Costs	\$130,000	\$130,000	\$250,000	\$370,000	\$295,000