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Susan,

Thanks for hosting the conversation about the City of Gustavus tax base and economic stabilization. I just wanted to share a few links related to last night's discussion and your agenda topics:

Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve Visitor Spending Analysis

The table on *page 83* clarifies the question of how many nights NPS visitors stay, by the type of visit (NPS Lodge, Gustavus Lodge, Backcountry, Camping). While many visitors spend one night at the Glacier Bay Lodge, the average stay (in this 2015 study) was **3.9** nights:

<http://npshistory.com/publications/social-science/nrr-2019-1924.pdf>

Contribution of Alaska Parks and Wilderness to the Alaska Economy

This report describes national parks and wilderness experiences as a contributor to Alaska visitation:

<https://www.nps.gov/articles/aps-v13-i1-c8.htm>

Sustainable Food in National Parks

This report describes a Food for the Parks initiative, including NPS concessions models and site-specific challenges:

<https://potrerogroup.com/files/FoodfortheParks.pdf>

Also, several of the topics raised last night are directly addressed in the vision in Part I of the [Frontcountry Management Plan](#), particularly starting on page I-23 "Profitability and Reinvestment," including collaborating to leverage gateway community offerings to enhance multi-night stays.

Finally, on the topic of trails, I sent information to Tom Williams about the NPS "**Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance**" program where communities can apply for technical assistance to help plan "close-to-home recreation opportunities." Applications are due June 30th and economic benefits only accrue after significant community work and financial investment, so it may not address the immediate stabilization question but I thought I would at least share.

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/rtca/apply.htm>

Best wishes,

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