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From: **Paul Owecke** < Date: Fri, Jan 5, 2024 at 12:59 PM Subject: ANILCA cabins To: <<u>Buffie.Stewart@usda.gov</u>>

Hello Buffie,

I see you are the contact person that Janelle Crocker said we could contact in regards to proposed changes in reissuance of permits for ANILCA CABINS.

I am in full support of the proposed changes. However, I would like to inquire as to whether it would be at all appropriate to ask whether the policy of rebuilding ANILCA cabins could be reviewed and possibly revised to allow rebuilding of damaged/destroyed cabins and be submitted as a proposed change alongside the reissuance changes.

I believe the issue is similar to reissuance change in that there is over time a need to change policy in order to facilitate the viability of owners of ANILCA cabins to remain long term as part of the historic multiple use concept governing these cabins.

As you recall I have been informed that the written consent I received from a previous Forest Supervisor stating that I had the ability to rebuild should my cabin be damaged by fire was no longer valid. And as you know we have no control over the use of the cabin for most of every year. We have had many instances of unauthorized use of the cabin and reckless use of fire inside the cabin. We have tried to minimize the fire threat but remain concerned that unauthorized parties could cause fire damage that would result in our loss of the cabin with no permissible way to rebuild.

I would like to know if it would be appropriate at this time to have this policy reviewed for consideration that it be changed as well.

Respectfully yours,

Paul Owecke