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I would like to thank the USFS for the opportunity to comment on the proposed ANILCA cabin policy. My family and I have been caretaking a ANILCA cabin in Seymour Canal for over 40 years. The site was permitted to Russell Bartoo and has been used since late 1960 and has remained in the Bartoo family since. The Oesboen's my father and uncle have been caretaking the cabin and paying the lease fee since early 1980. The cabin was transferred 1 time to Alice Bartoo his daughter, who recently passed in Sept of 2023. We once ~~more~~ again paid the lease fee for 2024. I have spent a significant portion of my early thru late adulthood at the Seymour cabin hunting, fishing, kayaking, bear viewing and enjoying the outdoors. I have had the opportunity to see my cousins kids enjoy this fantastic area as well as the many guests we have had there throughout the years. My father's ashes have been spread at the site so it holds a deep reverence to the entire Oesboen family. We (my cousins and I) have always wanted to do some upgrades to the existing cabin and remove some existing outbuildings but have been extremely hesitant since we knew this lease could be terminated at anytime. This policy change would allow all existing cabin permit holders to complete repairs and upgrade existing buildings to more environmentally friendly options such as oil heat and allow traditional and customary use to continue. I am afraid if this revision is not passed it would be a unfair burden to the USFS and permit holders as all of the current permit holders are getting older and if a permit holder dies the burden of cleanup will either fall to the estate or USFS.

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FURTHERMORE MOST OF THESE CABINS OURS INCLUDED HAVE BEEN A EMERGENCY REFUGE TO MANY STRANDED PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY. WE HAVE HAD MANY SUPRISE VISITS ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS AND IF IT WERE NOT FOR A WARM DRY CABIN THE OUTCOME COULD HAVE BECOME VASTLY DIFFERENT.

I AM EXTREMELY CONCERNED THAT IF THIS REVISION IS NOT ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE THIS SPECIAL AREA WILL ONLY BE ACCESSIBLE BY THE WEALTHY AND WELL TO DO. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO ME AND THE ENTIRE OSBOEN FAMILY THAT THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF THIS UNIQUE NATIONAL MONUMENT NOT GET TO THE POINT WHERE ONLY THE WEALTHY ON SOME CHARTERED YACHT ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN ENJOY THIS UNBELIEVABLE NATURAL AREA. IF THIS REVISION IS ALLOWED TO TAKE PLACE IT WOULD ALLOW US AS WELL AS OTHER PERMIT HOLDERS TO REPAIR AND UPGRADE EXISTING STRUCTURES TO A HIGHER ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO THE SURROUNDING AREA AND OTHER USERS AS WELL. PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF NEEDED IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. IN CONCLUSION WE ALSO MUST MAKE SURE THAT THESE CABINS NOT BE USED FOR COMMERCIAL ~~PRO~~ PURPOSE OF ANY KIND WHETHER IT BE USED AS A RENTAL OR A COMMERCIAL HUNTING CONCESSION OF ANY KIND. I WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE MY TRADITIONAL AND CUSTOMARY USE OF THIS CABIN AND PASS THIS LEGACY ON SO OTHERS AFTER ME CAN ENJOY THIS AREA AS I HAVE

Thank you for your time

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