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USDA Forest Service
Regional Forester c/o Jennifer Berger
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RE: ANILCA Cabin Policy Comment

Dear Ms. Berger:

I write today to support the proposed change in the reissuance of special use permits for ANILCA cabins.

My dad used a non-trespass ANILCA cabin in Tongass for many years for traditional and customary purposes, including fishing, hunting and personal recreation. I started joining him over 40 years ago, and, I have since kept up the tradition of gathering fish, fowl and deer for sustenance. Unfortunately, my dad passed away a number of years ago, but he used the cabin right up until the end. My wife, two daughters, sons-in-laws and a couple of grandkids join me now, and as soon as my youngest three grandkids get old enough, I am sure they will want to join in also.

The Tongass is a great place to get away from it all. It is really nice to be able to go out and recreate, view wildlife or gather sustenance with friends and family and at the end of the day to return to a dry cabin. Some of my fondest memories have been made there and that is why I have asked that some of my ashes, when that day comes, be spread nearby.

Any action you can take to facilitate other family members and friends to be able to use ANILCA cabins well into the future would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Rick Schikora', written in a cursive style.

Rick Schikora, a third generation Alaskan