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I think the proposal to be able to reissue cabin permits on the Tongass is a great idea! The cabins are a rich component of the unique SE Alaska culture. We have been aware for some time that the clock was running down on use of these cabins with the existing generation of local families. The cabins contribute to the richness of SE Alaska in several positive ways:

They enable families and friends to hunt, fish, and gather in a safe manner, and pass the love of the outdoors to succeeding generations without having to endure camping situations that are often cold, wet, and dangerous.

They provide safe shelter for outdoor adventurers that may run afoul of bad weather or accidents. I am personally aware of a cabin on Chicagof Island saving the life of a trapper who suffered a heart attack while running traps.

If these cabins are lost due to current policy, the residents and visitors to the Tongass will lose a part of their history and heritage.

I sincerely hope that the proposed policy is not influenced by floods of comments from lower 48 citizens who don't truly know how valuable these cabins are.

Sincerely, Art Dunn, Juneau, AK resident and long-time user of the Tongass



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