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Comments: In 1961, myself and four colleagues constructed the cabin located in Pybus Bay on Admiralty Island under Special Use Permit 2710, issued to Harry L. Rietz on August 1, 1960 (Fig. 1. Harry Rietz paddling a bundle of lumber ashore at the cabin site, precut by another of our cohort for assembly). Of our original cohort, two individuals remain alive, Robert McVey and myself. Since that time, we, with our children and friends, have replaced the foundation of yellow cedar pilings and milled foundation timbers with pressure treated materials. Steel roofing has replaced the original aluminum roofing, and with continued good care and maintenance, the cabin should last through this century.

Although constructed as a base for deer hunting in the fall and winter, after I married, my family and I used the cabin on a regular basis during the summer (Fig. 2 ca. 1972), as did the McVey family (Fig. 3. McVey's 32' Bayliner is seen anchored in the photo of my wife sitting on the float of our airplane in front of the cabin site, ca. 1993.) I moved outside about 25 years ago, and went back to the cabin as a non-resident hunter in the fall for several years with Bob and our regular hunting companions, plus a winter trip with my wife for 'old times sake,' in February 1996 (Fig. 4). Now, a generation later, my family and I have been annual summer visitors, and plan to visit the cabin again in 2024. Our children and grandchildren continue to enjoy the cabin and the recreation opportunities of the Tongass National Forest.

My request is that amendments to the administrative regulations governing continued issuance of the permit for this ANILCA Cabin provide that the permit can be issued in the names of my grandson, Logan C. Slonecker, who took his first steps at the cabin in 2004 (Fig. 5) and a regular visitor since then, and also an heir of Bob McVey, whose family will be commenting separately.

Thank you, Dale R. Evans