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Comments: Hello, thank you for the opportunity to guide the selection of the next cabin(s) on the Petersburg Ranger District! I haven't thought much about new locations, but I did read through some of the other comments and the two ideas that resonate with me the most are Ideal Cove and Farragut Bay. I could see my family using and enjoying cabins in those locations. I also support the need for a road/trail accessible cabin on Mitkof Island to meet community needs, although it's not a priority for my family. They would be good for scout groups, though, for sure, especially if you build a cabin that would support larger groups. Some amenities/features we would like to see include: larger cabins with lofts similar to West Point; cabins located near freshwater sources; sunny sites either from natural features or clearing/thinning around cabin; beachcombing/hiking trails nearby; opportunities for fresh and saltwater fishing; large covered deck; mooring system for safe anchorage in storms or big tides; and in an ideal world, expectation of relative solitude. Looking at existing cabins (if you'll indulge me for a minute), I wish the Forest Service would do something about users who book up multiple cabins at the same time. This is especially evident during hunting season. This past May, you could not get a cabin in Portage Bay or Thomas Bay because they were booked up 180 days in advance by bear hunting groups. I don't begrudge any group booking and using a cabin, but they should not be able to block off multiple cabins they aren't likely to be using. Better managing the reservation system would help alleviate some of the unmet demand for popular cabins. Thank you!