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Comments: I am writing to you to emphasize the significance of the Eyak River cabin, a place that our family has enjoyed since 1979. This small cabin in remote Alaska not only stands as a testament to our ancestral ties to the land but also serves as a vital hub for preserving our family values and fostering subsistence practices. First and foremost, the Eyak River cabin embodies a rich tapestry of family values that have been passed down through generations. It serves as a sanctuary where familial bonds are strengthened, traditions are upheld, and stories of our ancestors are shared. The cabin is more than just a structure; it is a symbol of unity and resilience, instilling in us a profound sense of belonging and pride in our heritage.

Moreover, the Eyak River cabin plays a pivotal role in sustaining our subsistence way of life. Nestled amidst the Copper River Flats, it provides a gateway to the natural bounty of the land - a place where we harvest fish, gather berries, and hunt game in accordance with the rhythms of the seasons. By safeguarding this cabin, we ensure the preservation of our traditional practices and the continued nourishment of our bodies, minds, and spirits. Furthermore, the ability to transfer ownership of the Eyak River cabin from one generation to another is paramount in preserving our familial legacy. It represents a tangible link between past, present, and future, affording each succeeding generation the opportunity to forge their own memories and connections with the land. By safeguarding this cherished inheritance, we honor the sacrifices of those who came before us and lay the foundation for the prosperity of those who will come after.

In conclusion, the Eyak River cabin stands as a beacon of our collective heritage, embodying the enduring values of family, subsistence, and stewardship of the land. This cabin serves as a testament to the resilience and interconnectedness of generations past, present, and future. It is my sincere hope that we recognize the invaluable importance of preserving this sacred space for generations to come.

Sincerely, John Bruce