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Dear Ms. Berger:

We are pleased that the Forest Service in Region 10 has proposed a policy correction concerning reissuance of permits for cabins referenced in Section 1303(d) of ANILCA. The existing policy in FSH 2907.11 that limits reissuing permits seemed arbitrary to us and in conflict with the clear text in ANILCA related to 'renewal or continuation of valid leases or permits.

The Table provided on the ANILCA Cabin Policy website has a line entry with 'Alaska Traditional & Customary Cabin'. The entry in the Proposed New Authority column is 'Existing cabin, upon reissuance: 1303(b)2'. Language in 1303(b)(2) refers to continuing to allow permits for existing cabins in accordance with nontransferable, renewable five-year special use permits. Those provisions are more restrictive than 1303(d) which should be the authority since it allows the renewal or continuation of permits as well as providing for the transfer of a permit to another person at the election or death of the permittee.

Thank you for the advance notice about the policy revision and the opportunity to comment.

Jayson and Yvonne Christner