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My name is Bob Mattson and I support these proposed policy changes.

My family has one of the ANILCA cabins covered under this proposed revision. The Region is proposing a policy revision so they can reissue special use permits for ANILCA cabins to allow for traditional and customary uses so long as there is no direct threat to or significant impact to the National Forests.

Our cabin: Cabin Type: Isolated Cabin, Permit Use Code: 121 Tongass National Forest Admiralty Island National Monument Ranger District.

Background: My family's cabin was built in the 1950's by Eli Post who built the cabin as a trapping, hunting, and fishing cabin which was his lifestyle. After Eli passed on, my father, Chet Mattson purchased the cabin from Eli's widow, Virginia Post who also lived in Douglas as did our family. Our family has kept to Eli's trapping, hunting and fishing uses for the cabin. These uses constitute the "traditional and customary uses" of this cabin.

Upon the passing of my father, Chet and mother, Jean Mattson, the permit for the cabin passed to myself and my two brothers who also live in Juneau, Ken and Richard. My brother Ken served as the primary point of contact with the Forest Service for maintaining the permit. In the past year, as Ken ages, I have also served as back-up point of contact with the local USFS Recreation Specialist for Special Use Permits, most recently, with John Buchheit,

As a cabin owner, my intention is the continuation of these traditional and customary uses and my belief is that continuation would not constitute a direct threat to or significant impairment of the National Forests.

Talking with my brothers as well, I say that, as cabin co-owners, our intention is the continuation of these traditional and customary uses and our belief is that continuation would not constitute a direct threat to or significant impairment of the National Forests.

I support these proposed policy changes to allow the Forest Service to continue authorizing the renewal or reissuance of special use permits for ANILCA cabins for traditional and customary uses that are compatible with the purposes for which the unit or area was established.

Well done Forest Service.

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