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Comments: I am writing to express my support for the proposed policy change to establish a new "Alaska Traditional and Customary Use Cabin" designation and allow for the renewal and/or transfer of the related permits. This policy change would recognize the historical and cultural significance of the cabins that have been built and maintained by Alaskans for generations, and would provide them with more security and stability.

As a cabin owner myself, I appreciate the opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty and resources of Alaska, and to share this experience with my family and friends. I also respect the land and the wildlife, and I follow the rules and regulations that govern the use of public lands. I believe that the cabins are an integral part of Alaska's heritage and identity, and that they should be preserved and protected.

As part of this policy update, I would also like to request consideration for a change in the permit term from the current 5-year period to a period of 20 years, as is consistent with the Recreational Residence program. (The Forest Service has the authority to establish a permit term of up to 30 years.) This would reduce the administrative burden on both the cabin owners and the Forest Service, and would provide more certainty and peace of mind for the cabin owners. A 20-year permit term would also allow for more long-term planning and investment in the cabins, which would benefit their quality and safety.

I urge you to approve this policy change and to implement it as soon as possible. It would be a positive step for Alaska and its people, and it would honor the legacy of those who have built and cared for these cabins over the years.