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Comments: I was surprised to hear of the Forest Service's intent to permanently authorize non-conforming structures like cabins in Alaskan wilderness areas. The ANILCA cabins do not belong as a perpetual use of wilderness. The compromise originally reached was to reasonably allow current permittees to live out the tenure of their lives, but after that to eliminate future permits. That's been the approach followed in national park units around the country.

The U.S. Forest Service must leave its policy unchanged and phase out ANILCA cabins, as was the original intent. These cabins were never meant to persist in Wilderness, and to change this policy would undermine ANILCA and the Wilderness Act.