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Comments: To the U.S. Forest Service,

I am writing to express my concern over the potential policy change regarding cabins within designated Wilderness areas. It is imperative that the Forest Service adheres to its original policy and phases out the cabins established under the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). These structures were never intended to become permanent fixtures in Wilderness areas. Allowing them to remain or changing the policy to accommodate them would directly contradict the principles of ANILCA and the Wilderness Act. The preservation of Wilderness areas in their natural state is crucial, and this includes the removal of man-made structures, such as cabins, that do not align with the Wilderness Act's stipulations for undisturbed natural environments. I urge the Forest Service to maintain its current stance and ensure that Wilderness areas remain untouched and free from permanent human-made constructions.