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Comments: Insofar as "ANILCA cabins" are sitting on land inside designated Wilderness Areas, I cannot think of any rationale that USFS can legitimately propose allowing leases for these buildings be extended. The entire point of the Wilderness Act was to allow landscapes to be completely free of the imprint of human development. While I am keenly aware that humans have occupied Wilderness Area landscapes for very long periods of time, and that many people feel the notion of removing human imprints from Wilderness Areas is wrong, the bill stands as written, and I support the notion that we must maintain the landscape and not buildings in designated wilderness.

I do not feel there needs to be a carefully constructed argument based on prior legal cases to support my notion of protecting wilderness. The wording of the Wilderness Act is quite clear. There is no case to be made that amending leases to allow the continued use of the cabins is in keeping with the spirit of the Wilderness Act. I can certainly see how families who have been enjoying the benefits of using these cabins would want their priveleges extended to eternity, but that is simply not a reason to extend the leases.

Thank you for accepting my comment.