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Comments: As you know, by the time Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980, unauthorized cabins had been constructed on federal lands, inside and outside areas ANILCA subsequently designated as Wilderness. Then in 1987, the U.S Forest Service created a program that issued special-use permits for these unauthorized cabins. These permits were renewable every five years and nontransferable, terminating upon the death of the last immediate family member of the original claimant. The intent was to PHASE OUT out these cabins, nowhere more important than in Wilderness, which is managed for its wildness.

Please stick to the plan of phasing out these unauthorized cabins. Cabins don't belong anywhere in designated Wilderness. 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.

Let's leave nature free of human domination. Keep the Wilderness wilderness.