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Comments: Hello,

I am writing again to voice my support of the ANILCA Policy Change that will allow the Forrest Service to continue authorizing renewals and reissuances of ANILCA Cabin Permits.

Up until the comment deadline (today), the comments were 99% in support of the policy change. Those early comments had local passion and provided real reasons why these cabins are important to preserve and protect for current and future generations. On the comment deadline (today), a whole slew (hundreds) of opposing comments have been submitted. The majority of them are copy and paste comments with not even a hint of local perspective or passion regarding the traditional use of ANILCA Cabins. Many of the opposing commenters discuss their brief visits to Alaska and some even say they live in other countries. It is clear that they are not residents, nor do they know anything about the traditional uses of these cabins.

I strongly urge the US Forrest Service to analyze these opposing copy and paste comments and do so with great scrutiny. It appears outside interests have invaded what is largely a local issue. The comments from traditional users of these areas and these cabins should carry great weight on the final decision. These cabins are important to tradition, culture, history, and the future. They also provide a safety net to wilderness adventurers. Please consider these facts in the final decision and listen to the collective of regular users of these important resources.