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Comments: Wilderness means 'wild' and thus free of human impact, human presence, footprint or other evidence. Wilderness is for wildlife and their very existence, which is devastatingly compromised by our presence.

We must take every action to 'leave no trace' of humanity in wilderness areas because our impact on wilderness and wildlife has led to the sixth mass extinction.

It's time for us to back away from the few remaining wild places left in Alaska!

Please leave the ANICLA policy as is so that cabins can be dismantled and wildlife can survive.