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Comments: The "Forest Service" MUST phase out "ANILCA" cabins in Wilderness and leave your policy

unchanged!

Our family, just, learned about this issue impacting Wilderness, in Alaska!

Cabins do NOT belong in, designated Wilderness! The U.S. Forest Service MUST leave your 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"!

In 1980, Congress passed the "Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act" ("ANILCA") to preserve, and, protect, nationally, significant, public, land, in Alaska, for present, and, future, generations! By that time, unauthorized, cabins had been constructed on, federal, lands, inside, and, outside, areas "ANILCA", subsequently, designated as Wilderness!

Directed by "ANILCA", 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 these cabins, nowhere, more, important than in Wilderness, which is managed for its wildness!

Just yesterday, "Wilderness Watch" learned that the "Forest Service" has an, open, public comment period, closing, today-Friday, March 8-where it has proposed removing restrictions from these permits, including the number of times a permit for an "ANILCA", cabin may be reissued, or, who may be listed on that permit! For Wilderness, these changes could mean generations, upon generations, of a, persisting, structure!