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Comments: The Alaska Region is revising the Forest Service Handbook (FSH), Region 10 Supplement for special uses administration (FSH 2709.11-2021-01) to provide updated direction on authorizing individual use, privately owned cabins under Section 1303 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) - commonly referred to as "ANILCA cabins."

The Region is proposing a policy change that will allow the Forest Service to continue authorizing the renewal or reissuance of special use permits for ANILCA cabins for traditional and customary uses that are compatible with the purposes for which the unit or area was established.

This is unacceptable. This is nothing more than a blatant attempt to disqualify these lands from wilderness status. Wilderness lands must remain undefiled and protected for future generation, to protect the habitats of the flora and fauna that live there, and for the sake of responsible human stewardship.