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Comments: I am writing to oppose proposed changes to the ANILCA cabin permits. Under the provisions of ANILCA, your agency put into a place a phase out of the ownership and occupancy of these structures. The permits were supposed to expire upon the death of the last immediate family member of the original claimant. This policy was enacted by the US Forest Service in 1987 to keep Alaskan wilderness wild, which is the intent of ANILCA. To change your policy, which has been in place for 37 years, is unnecessary and goes against ANILCA. The policy put in place in 1987 protects Alaskan wilderness which is what Congress and the Forest Service intended when they acted in the 1980s.

Having visited Alaska and appreciated its unparalleled wilderness, I ask that you keep Alaska's wild areas wild, and maintain the 1987 cabin policy.