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Comments: The proposal to reissue or renew permits for private dwellings within Alaska National Interest Lands is antithetical to the purpose of establishing these protected areas. Of what use is it to have such designations, which are vital to the preservation of vital ecosystems, if these buildings are allowed for generations? There are few enough relatively wild or pristine natural areas in existence now; to allow them to be further disturbed by continued human occupation is wildly in contradiction to the designated and desirable goal. The Forest Service should not regard such areas as mere human entertainment centers, but as vital to the health of our environment, well worth preserving.

Please withdraw the proposal to extend permits for cabins within these areas and allow them to expire at their designated terminal points.