

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/8/2024 8:39:57 PM

First name: Kevin

Last name: Bessett

Organization:

Title:

Comments: Humans have had a hugely negative impact on Earth: Massive amounts of land cleared, developed or modified for human use, and polluted, too. This is a major contributor to altering the fine balanced needed to sustain a livable climate, and it is happening all around the world.

The USFS must serve the people by protecting wildernesses, which, in turn, will help reduce the catastrophic effects of the climate emergency. In its decision-making process, the USFS must take into account the dire situation we are in regarding the climate. This will give some hope to people (especially younger ones) that decision makers "get it."

Cabins don't belong in designated Wilderness. The U.S. Forest Service must leave its 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.

Thank you.