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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

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.

Wholly in conflict with wilderness, or the wilderness designation, these changes could mean generations upon generations of a persisting structure, contrary to USFS practice.

Do not allow cabin permitting in wilderness. It is contrary to wilderness.

Thank you for your attention to my comment.