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Comments: Wilderness areas are clearly defined as just that, no infrastructure included in the natural environment. Here in West Virginia, structures build by pioneering families in such areas have been boarded up and allowed to naturally decay after the last owner/occupants have died. Such provisions honor the ownership of the property at the transition to National Park and National Wilderness areas, by allowing the last occupants to enjoy living in their homes until death, then facilitating transition into the new federal land usage. Allowing maintenance and occupancy of existing structures completely undermines wilderness designation, and would allow lawsuits by greedy, selfish individuals at the expense of the American public, who actually own the land. Do not allow the changes.