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Comments: I lived in the southern island of Metlakatla from 2013 through 2014, working with the Simshian Indians in the clinic there. It was remote, it was a clean island, and many fun places to hike, snowmobile, four wheeler, and just explore. I saw glaciers for the first time; how exciting that was.

I worked in Alaska a second time in 2015 through 2016 up at the very top of the world called Barrow Alaska. I worked in the hospital there. I didn't get much of a chance to explore because I was there in the dark time of the year and the polar bears were roaming about. You had to time your errands carefully as there was about a two hour window of time where there was almost twilight where you could see where you were walking and there was not much concern with running into polar bears during that time of day. It was glorious. It was wilderness. it was an experienced of a lifetime. It was an experience of a lifetime.

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 for your consideration in this matter.