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Comments: It is not appropriate that plans to permanently alter the nature of a publically owned wilderness area should not have received more publicity. A democracy depends upon relevant information being freely available and well known, so that citizens can reflect upon the changes and then make their opinion heard.

This does not seem to have happened in this case. Moreover an appropriate reaction to illegally constructed buildings is to remove them, rather than allow them continue into the future.

If you are serious about the USA being a democracy, then plans to alter the wilderness area by granting permanency to illegally constructed buildings should be stopped and a greater period for public comment made available. Nor is it appropriate that wilderness-designated areas should allow a few individuals to construct buildings upon the area without legal permission.