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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I oppose the Forest Service's proposal to removing restrictions from ANILCA cabin permits, including the number of times a permit for an ANILCA cabin may be reissued or who may be listed on that permit.

These cabins were constructed illegally on federal lands inside and outside areas ANILCA subsequently designated as Wilderness. The 1987 program that issued special-use permits for these unauthorized cabins designated them nontransferable, terminating upon the death of the last immediate family member of the original claimant. The intent of ANILCA legislation and agency policy was to phase out these cabins, nowhere more important than in Wilderness, which is managed for its wildness and untrammelled nature.

Cabins don't belong in designated Wilderness, and agency policy cannot go against the spirit or letter of duly-passed legislation. 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 both ANILCA and the Wilderness Act.

Thank you for your careful consideration.