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Comments: Please install bear-proof cabinets at campsites in the BWCAW. Many campsites do not have trees with the limbs or height for hanging food. Trees that are suitable for hanging food are over-used and become damaged by abrasions from daily rope rubs. Food hung correctly is not perfectly safe from bears and contributes to their behavior change. Bear barrels are difficult to carry and are not always bear-proof. Like fire grates and latrines, bear-proof cabinets are unnatural additions to protect the wilderness. Installing them would help the trees, the bears, and the humans.