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Mr. Bud C. Cribley
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Dear Mr. Cribley:

In March 2011 the Citizens' Advisory Commission on Federal Areas wrote to you and requested that the Bureau of Land Management initiate a formal public process to revise the agency's Alaska policy on the use and construction of trapping cabins. Your decision was to refer the issue to the BLM Alaska Resource Advisory Council (RAC).

The RAC discussed the cabin policy at its 2011 meeting. After hearing comments from several trappers, the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and this Commission, the RAC formed a subcommittee to work on the issue and develop possible revisions.

At its November 2011 meeting, the RAC heard additional public testimony and adopted the subcommittee's recommendations for revisions to the cabin policy. We understand that those were then submitted to your office for a final decision on whether or not to proceed with a revision. We have heard nothing further.

Please advise our office of your decision on revising the policy. Should you decide on a revision of the policy, we encourage you to provide an opportunity for public review and comment before any changes are finalized. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,



Stan Leaphart
Executive Director

Cc: Sue Magee – ANILCA Program Coordinator
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