

USDA Forest Service, Alaska Region
Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) – Cabins, Special Use Authorization
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Authorization Guide – ANILCA 1303 Cabins

This guide is intended to assist Authorized Officers with review of proposals for use of existing cabins and structures authorized on National Forest Service lands under the authority of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of December 2, 1980. Authorizing officials can use this Guide as a reference tool in conjunction the full direction provided in the Forest Service Handbook, regional supplement for special use administration (FSH 2709.11, Chapter 40). See regional supplements: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r10-supplement>.

Refer to FSH 2709.11 section 11.2 for direction on applications involving existing uses and follow direction in FSH 2709.11, Alaska Region Supplement, Chapter 40.

1. Is the proposed continued use of an existing cabin for well-established, traditional and customary (use code 125) purposes and is the proposed continued use compatible with the purposes for which the unit or area was established?

Yes - a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization may be issued in accordance with FSH direction. Authorization for a new cabin is allowed in very limited circumstances. See regional supplement section 41.2 – Cabins and Temporary Facilities.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

2. Is the proposal for a temporary fishing cabin or warehouse (use code 513) directly and necessarily related to commercial fishing, or supporting other industrial or commercial operations?

Yes – a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization of existing or new facilities may be issued in accordance with FSH direction. See regional supplement section 45.1 – Temporary Facilities Supporting Commercial Operations.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

3. Is the proposed continued use of an existing Agriculture Residence (use code 223) or Residence Cabin (use code 351) compatible with the purposes for which the affected National Forest System lands were established?

Yes – a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization for an existing Agriculture Residence or Residence Cabin may be issued in accordance with FSH direction. If the proposed continued use is consistent with the definition “traditional and customary” use, then the authorizing official and claimant may consider authorization with a Traditional and Customary use code (125). Once an authorization is converted to the traditional and customary use code it may not be converted back to the Agriculture Residence or Residence Cabin use code. Do not authorize new Agriculture Residence or Residence Cabins. See regional supplement section 41.2 – Cabins and Temporary Facilities.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

4. Is the proposed continued use of an existing Private Club (use code 112) compatible with the purposes for which the affected National Forest System lands were established?

Yes – a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization for an existing Private Club may be issued in accordance with FSH regional direction. Do not issue authorization for new private-club type use. See regional supplement, see Section 41.1 – Private Clubs and Organizational Camps.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

5. Is the proposed continued use of an existing Organizational Camp (use code 113) compatible with the purposes for which the affected National Forest System lands were established?

Yes – a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization for an existing Organizational Camp may be issued in accordance with FSH direction. See regional supplement, see Section 41.1 – Private Clubs and Organizational Camps.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

6. Is the proposed continued use of an existing recreation residence consistent with the purposes for which the affected National Forest System lands were established?

Yes – a nontransferable and renewable special use authorization may be issued in accordance with FSH direction. If the proposed use is consistent with the definition “traditional and customary” use, then the authorizing official and claimant may consider authorization with a Traditional and Customary use code (125). Once an authorization is converted to the traditional and customary use code it may not be converted back to the Recreation Residence use code. See regional supplement, see Section 41.4 – Recreation Residences.

No – consider other use code categories outlined in this Guide.

This Guide is a reference tool only and is not comprehensive direction on the special use authorization of existing cabins and other structure under the authority of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980.