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Lake Roosevelt Cabin Owners
Oppose National Park Service Plan to Eliminate Cabins

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Under the procedural rules spelled out by the National Environmental Policy Act, Marzulla Law, LLC has submitted comments to the U.S. National Park Service on behalf of the Lake Roosevelt Cabin Owners Association urging the drafting of an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). An EIS would assess the potential environmental consequences—human and otherwise—of proposed restrictions on cabin ownership, that would culminate in removal of these cabins from the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area in Washington State.

“The National Park Service’s proposed course of action carries dire consequences for these cabin owners, some of whom have lived at Lake Roosevelt for over 30 years,” said Nancie G. Marzulla, managing partner and counsel for the Cabin Owners Association. “An EIS will provide the Park Service with the opportunity to evaluate the ramifications of its plan,” she said.

In February 2011, the National Parks Service released an Environmental Assessment for the Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, which evaluated the possible environmental impacts of harsher terms and restrictions on cabin owners and the ultimate removal of these cabins from Lake Roosevelt. Even so, the Environmental Assessment failed to take the necessary “hard look” required by the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (“NEPA”). And to satisfy this act of Congress, the Park Service is now obligated to prepare an EIS that can meaningfully discuss all environmental impacts posed by such a severe departure from 60-year-old policy.

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