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Sigurd Olson and the Wilderness Act

By Kevin Proescholdt

Fifty years ago this year, Congress passed the landmark 1964 Wilderness Act after an eight-year campaign that saw 18 Congressional hearings and 66 re-writes of the bill. President Lyndon Johnson signed the Wilderness Act into law in a White House Rose Garden signing ceremony on September 3, 1964.

This law provided for the first time wilderness protections in federal statute for 9.1 million acres of Forest Service-administered wilderness across the country, including the million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area in Minnesota (though with some compromise language for the BWCA that would cause problems later). The law poetically defined wilderness in part as “an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.” The Wilderness Act also created the National Wilderness Preservation System, and established a process by which Congress could add areas to the wilderness system.

The Wilderness Act was written primarily by Howard Zahniser, the executive secretary of the Wilderness Society, a wonderful writer, a deep thinker, as well as an indefatigable lobbyist. Among Zahniser’s confidants and advisors for the Wilderness Bill was Sigurd Olson, who served on the Wilderness Society’s Governing Council throughout the years of the Wilderness Bill campaign.

Sig, however, did more than just advise his friend “Zahnie”; he also spoke, wrote, and testified in favor of the Wilderness Bill throughout that time. Included in those efforts was the following testimony at the very first hearing on the Wilderness Bill, a hearing that occurred in Washington, DC, in June of 1957.

Printed here is most of Sig’s written testimony from that hearing. But his oral testimony was also revealing. In his oral comments, he mentioned that he was soon to join his Canadian friends on a

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President Lyndon B. Johnson signs The Wilderness Act into law September 3, 1964.

Sig’s Support of The Wilderness Act

Sigurd Olson gave the following statement in support of the Wilderness Bill, S. 1176, at a hearing before the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, June 20, 1957

My name is Sigurd F. Olson, my residence, Ely, Minnesota. While I am affiliated with a number of conservation groups in an official, advisory, and consultant capacity, I am speaking today as an individual inasmuch as the groups with which I am associated are submitting their own statements through others. As an individual, I am paying my own expenses and not drawing on the funds of any organization. I do this because of my life-long interest in the matter of wilderness preservation, and because I am much concerned as to the future of our remaining wild areas.

In my early years, I was a guide to wilderness expeditions, exploring new country, carrying on scientific investigations, fishing and hunting, and during those years I came to realize that the wilderness experience was very important to many people, one that contributed to happiness and contentment. I became so impressed with what wilderness did to men that I decided to do whatever I could to preserve it.

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Happy Birthday

“A wilderness, in contrast to those areas where man and his own works dominate the landscape, is hereby recognized as an area where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain.”

— *The Wilderness Act of 1964*



Doug Wood Illustration

Acts of Congress are very seldom accused of being poetic or succinct. Yet in the extraordinary case of The Wilderness Act of 1964, those are exactly the words that are often used. Authored primarily by Howard Zahniser of the Wilderness Society, those poetic phrases and others did not come easily, nor were they easily passed into law. It took eight long years of effort—just the years after the bill was first introduced in Congress and not counting the previous decades where so much groundwork was laid and heavy lifting done—and a full sixty drafts, before the bill was finally passed by Congress and signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson.

The act changed the future, changed the very nature of America, and changed the way that millions of people look at the natural world and our human role in it. It is almost hard to imagine now, but for centuries “wilderness” had been a bad word. And a place “untrammelled” by man an accursed area. A “community of life” that referred to something other than human was unheard of and a contradiction in terms. Any survey of centuries of literature in the western world would find few mentions of wilderness in anything approaching a positive light. Wilderness was an area red of fang and claw, a haunt of outlaws or savages, a place to be banished and lost, separated from the race of man, separated perhaps, from God.

There had long been differences from this view, of course. Indigenous peoples seldom felt this way about their land, and in the west someone like Francis of Assisi had a different view. But for the most part, what we call western civilization did not think kindly of wildness, of wilderness. Such places were to be avoided, subdued, or conquered.

All change did not begin with the Wilderness Act, of course. An evolution in the way that human beings viewed the natural world had long been underway, from the times of the great romantic poets through the Hudson River school of art to the prophetic “voices in the wilderness” of John Muir, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John Burroughs, Henry David Thoreau and others. But the change was slow and incremental, the battles to preserve small bits of the wild endless and frustrating and often fruitless, and there was little in the language of the law to support and support such efforts.

The herculean work that passed The Wilderness Act changed the balance, changed the conversation, and in large measure gave politicians and public officials a new and legitimate way, a new framework within which to discuss—to imagine—the natural world. When the act was passed in 1964, designated wilderness areas in the United States comprised 9.1 million acres. Today that number is 109.5 million acres in 757 areas. Areas that belong not to “the government,” but to all of us. Lands that are a part of our birthright as Americans.

Yet while raw numbers are important, they tell only a part of the story. For it is the way that people think about the wild, feel about the natural world and their connection to it, that perhaps is the greater change. Led by figures like Aldo Leopold, Ernest Oberholtzer, Rachel Carson, and Sigurd Olson, the evolution in thought and in our relationship to nature continued and gained momentum.

Not surprisingly, Sigurd Olson was deeply involved in the struggle to create the act, consulting and engaging in sometimes contentious ongoing discussions about the language of the bill and strategies for its passage. In biographer David Backes’ magnificent book, *A Wilderness Within*, he details the difficulties, the personal differences, the conflicts not just between the

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This and That...

• **The 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act website** is www.wilderness50th.org, where lots of information is available for anyone interested in knowing what's going on this year.



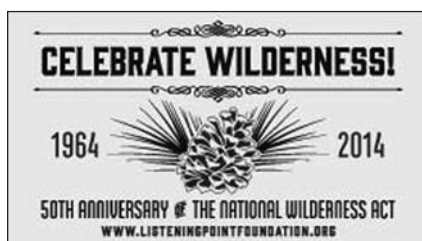
Events all over the country are listed, including videos, movies, outdoor activities, seminars, lectures, and more.

Further, as part of the celebrations, there is a major conference being held in New Mexico in mid-October. It is the first national gathering of the wilderness community in 25 years and will be filled with diverse plenary sessions, presentations, panels, exhibits, field learning, and skill development

workshops, all culminating in the public, outdoor 'Get Wild' Festival.

Kevin Proescholdt, a member of LPF's Advisory Board, is presenting a paper on Sigurd Olson and his role in the Wilderness Act proceedings. For more information please go to www.wilderness50th.org/conference.php

• **Our annual Sig Olson Birthday celebration** in April in St. Paul was a resounding success. Chuck Dayton gave an excellent power point presentation, 117 folks were in



attendance, and our silent auction was over the top. Thank you to all.

Also at the luncheon, we gave everyone a magnet commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act. We will also be sharing the magnets with donors, visitors and friends throughout the year.

Happy Birthday (Continued from page 2)

environmental/conservation community and their opponents but within the community itself. Some key figures thought that a wilderness bill would harm management of the national parks, others that it would derail efforts already underway to better protect the Quetico-Superior canoe country.

Sig, with his home in the area and his long-time status and prestige as a leading wilderness advocate and now a best selling author, was often caught in the middle—his counsel and support often sought while at the same time his motives and methods sometimes questioned. And the attitudes among many in his home community were even more hurtful. It was a very difficult time for Sig and Elizabeth Olson, with son Robert quoted as saying, "I don't know how they stood it."

But they somehow did. And thanks to the extraordinary courage, hard work and persistence of many like them the bill somehow became law. And so much changed. Except that today, "battles to preserve even small bits of the wild" can still seem "endless and frustrating and often fruitless." Not everything has changed. And one suspects that courage, hard work, and persistence will always be required.

Happy 50th birthday, Wilderness Act. And thank you, to all who worked so hard to create it.

—Douglas Wood



• **Our first LPF CALENDAR!** Sig Olson quotations, Jim Brandenburg photos, Listening Point images—what a combination! The calendar also lists many major environmental dates, holidays, and significant Sig anniversaries. We have included a four-color order blank and return envelope in the newsletter for your ordering pleasure! These calendars make excellent holiday gifts!

• **We are looking forward to a busy summer**, with lots of tours lined up already, tour guides ready to go, loads of calendar sales, and educational programming in the works.

Coming Up...

July 25- 27 : Blueberry Arts Festival, LPF information booth, Ely, MN

Sept. 5: annual Northwoods dinner, Ely, MN

Sept. 5 - 7: Writers' Workshop Weekend, Ely, MN

Nov. 8: Board of Directors Meeting, Sandstone, MN

Welcome New Board Members

JoyGenea Schumer provides simple solutions for her clients' complicated situations. Isn't that what trees, water and the sun do?

JoyGenea is a native Minnesotan who grew up camping, swimming and playing in the forests of northern Minnesota. Her parents instilled in her a passion for volunteerism. JoyGenea gives of her talents in business ownership, internet marketing and organizing when she is able to join others who share a common goal, value and appreciation. "It just works better, when we all work together."™ She has a degree in land survey and civil engineering technology with a minor in fire fighting. Given a little vacation



JoyGenea Schumer

time you will find her in a State Park, forest or motorcycle camping. Any opportunity to be outdoors is a good day for her.

JoyGenea developed a strong sense of commitment for nonprofits after being a volunteer fire fighter and understanding the value of operating an organization to be passed along for generations. This experience gave her a deep appreciation for how nonprofits seek to improve the quality of life in the local communities, regionally, nationally and internationally; one connection at a time.

Patsy Mogush has been camping, canoeing and hiking in northern Minnesota since high school years. After her parents bought a small seasonal cabin on White Iron Lake, she and husband Jeff traveled north from Minneapolis as often as possible with their three children. As children married and grandsons arrived, they found a year-round retreat on Eagles Nest, assuring that new generations will learn and grow in the north woods.



Patsy Mogush

Patsy is now retired from a career in education that began in first and second grade classrooms, moved to administration and ended on the curriculum and instruction faculty at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Retirement brought new possibilities and new adventures and time to pursue them! Patsy has been archiving the historic photos for the Listening Point Foundation, leading tours at the Point, and preparing presentations to share the work of Sig Olson. She and Jeff move back and forth between Ely and Minneapolis, now up north more than in the city. Both places are home, but when they're in Minneapolis, she longs to be in Ely. When leaving Ely, there are tears. ●

Writers' Workshop 2014 – Room for One More!

If you enjoy nature writing, here is a unique opportunity—the chance to write, talk and think about writing at Sigurd Olson's Listening Point. This writers' retreat is an opportunity to draw inspiration from the same rocks, woods, and waters that inspired Sig, one of the foremost nature writers of the twentieth century.

While we can't promise that you will write just like Sigurd Olson, we can promise the inspiration—the cabin, the foot trails, the lake itself.

Douglas Wood, President of LPF and author of 30 books, will serve as instructor/coordinator, providing a warm and welcoming environment for writing and sharing, and guiding discussions. Come and explore the concepts of writing about landscape and the natural world, about language, personal voice and style, the business of publishing, and of course the extended opportunity to enjoy the Point itself.

Dates: Sept 5 – 7, 2014

Cost: \$535, includes both food and lodging. Adults only. For more information and to reserve your spot, email info@listeningpointfoundation.org or call 218-365-7890.

LISTENING POINT FOUNDATION ANNUAL REPORT 2013 (unaudited)

Gifts and Grants	\$ 90,715
Other Income	\$ 26,573

Total Income	\$117,288
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Total Expenses	\$ 84,501
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Net Income 2013	\$ 32,787
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Asset Summary as of December 31, 2013

Cash for Operations	\$ 30,183
Unrestricted Investments	\$118,841
Maintenance Endowment Fund	\$110,789
Listening Point Preservation Fund	\$ 39,501
Listening Point Property	\$493,576
Other Assets	\$ 27,718

Total	\$820,608
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Sig's Legacy Far and Wide

❖ **Ron Haakensen of Ely** writes: "A friend, who canoed with me into the sub-arctic, now has Alzheimers disease. He has lost all concept of reality but walks about the house carrying a copy of *Listening Point!* This book obviously had meaning to him during his past life and here is apparently some residual memory or instinct that still exists for him."

❖ A friend of LPF Executive Director Alanna Dore recently sent the following note: "The Misras might be the only people in all of India that have a copy of *Listening Point* and the DVD!"

Kusum Misra of Indore, India writes: "We feel greatly thankful to Ms Alanna Dore who introduced us to Sigurd Olson, through his most spiritually dedicated work of art—his book, *Listening Point* and DVD entitled "Wilderness World of Sigurd Olson." These most timely and generous gifts came to us when I was recuperating after a major spine surgery.

The book is extremely absorbing and very well written. The DVD hardly ever got turned off. It worked as therapy; I would stop complaining about my aches and pains. I was transported to the most beautiful world of nature with its calm serenity. Those who would traverse these trails would carry all this beauty and silence of the *Listening Point* with them forever.

I would not be the only one who feels so affected as if I was in some other planet. As you go along with the video, watching and perceiving the soothing sights of the beauty of nature, one feels so stirred to the level of reverence. Living in wilderness with family and bringing this ethereal bliss for others calls for massive efforts, dedication and devotion to work and a disciplined mind. Sigurd Olson must have envisioned the beauty of the place and its calming stillness and imagined the pure intoxication that it would have on trekkers. We wish we were there to witness the silence of "The Listening Point" and experience how much silence can speak! And visit his cabin. I cannot end my appreciation of his work without a line of verse from John Keats: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever..." ●

Guest Pen: Wilderness Morning

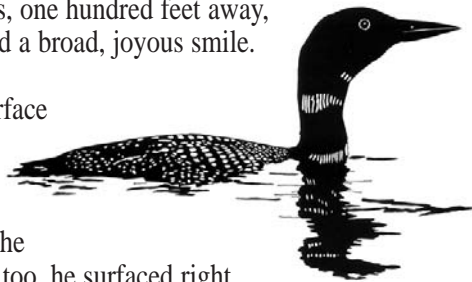
Dave Schneider attended LPF's Writers' Workshop in 2013. Dave writes "lots of good memories of the Writers' Workshop, with Doug as our Master Teacher." Following is the piece Dave wanted to share with our readers:

It was 7:45 a.m. Breakfast in 15 minutes. I wanted to see the lake close-up. I wandered toward the patch of blue water beneath the branches overhead. It was not a secluded path, but rather a road leading to the resort's storing place—but there was a lake!

I sat on a piece of discarded dock—not very romantic, but the lake—quiet in the first sunlight—drew me. I ignored the piles of junk and stuff. Then, right before my eyes, one hundred feet away, a loon surfaced. Quietly, I smiled a broad, joyous smile. Then he was gone.

As I searched for him to surface elsewhere, I noticed the sun beginning to touch the far shoreline to my left. As that quiet drew me, then, as though the loon wanted to be in the picture too, he surfaced right there: the distant, rock-bound, tree-covered shore caressed by the dawn of a new day, and the loon in the middle of it all!

As I sat there, joy inside, I felt the gentle touch of a white pine's needles brushing the back of my neck. A good morning indeed! The piles of stuff I ignored as I walked up the path toward breakfast. Today I had set my priorities right. Junk, yes, important to the resort, walk on by it, but see a sunlit, quiet lake, a distant shore greeting the sun, and a loon to say, "Good morning, friend!" ●



WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SIGURD OLSON July 30—August 3

While many of us have read the inspiring words of Sigurd Olson, few have had the chance to visit the places that shaped him. Northland College's Sigurd Olson Environmental Institute in cooperation with the Listening Point Foundation and the Ernest Oberholtzer Foundation are offering that opportunity this summer. Visit Elizabeth Olson's farmstead in Seeley, Wis.; Listening Point and the "writing shack" in Ely, Minn.; and Mallard Island, near International Falls, Minn., where Sig spent time working with Ernest Oberholtzer on wilderness issues.

Space is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$495 per person, which includes 4 nights' lodging, 11 meals, materials and instruction. Participants are responsible for their own transportation. For more information call 715-682-1223.

Sig's Support *(Continued from page 1)*

Since those years, while I have continued my personal exploration of wilderness all over the continent, I have seen as all of you have its steady diminution. All of you know what it means to see a wild place of primitive beauty desecrated and more and more, in the face of our expanding economy, and swiftly rising population, this seems inevitable. I have been greatly concerned about this gradual disappearance of natural areas, because I feel it indicates a trend of development which ultimately might destroy the last vestiges of the America that was.

I am convinced that wilderness is necessary to the welfare of our people, that without it they will not survive the stresses and strains of a mechanical age...

G. M. Trevelyan once said, "We are literally children of the earth and removed from her our spirit withers and runs to various forms of insanity. Unless we can refresh ourselves at least by intermittent contact with nature we grow awry."

The great historian was right. We are literally children of the earth. When modern man steps into a dimly lighted cocktail lounge for a meeting with his fellows, he is back in his cave; when he checks the thermostat of his apartment, he is still kindling a fire; when he steps out on the street at night and sees Orion glowing in the sky even though it is dimmed by the lights of the city, he is doing what men have done since the dawn of the race. Man of the atomic age and its conflicting ideologies is still part of the past.

The pioneer days are over now and the entire complex of American life has changed. The land is harnessed now, roads everywhere, telephone and power and oil lines enmeshing more and more tightly the last wild areas. Only in a few places is there any wilderness left. The rest is tamed and subject to the will of man and all this has taken place in the short space of 458 years and most of it actually within the last century.

Ours is a prosperous land and all good things of life seem available for everyone. In spite of the tensions of the cold war and the outbursts of violence in many quarters of the globe, there is optimism and hope. Business is expanding and the national income growing by leaps and bounds. Housing and industrial expansion are swiftly filling in the blank spaces between the towns. The face of the earth is being changed and with tremendous ingenuity in the invention and manufacture of earth-moving equipment, we are turning loose fleets of gigantic behemoths which are altering the courses of rivers, building superhighways across terrain that until now was considered impassable.

It is not easy for a people who are only a few generations removed from the frontier to change the pattern of their thinking swiftly. Millions still refuse to believe that resources are not inexhaustible and the frontiers a thing of the past. Inherently Americans are still part of the boom days, with the exploitation of all

resources and elimination of the wild the expected course of events. Talk of spiritual values still does not take equal place with the concrete evidence of an expanding economy.

However, we have set aside some 55 million acres of wilderness encompassed by our national parks and monuments, our national forests, wild life refuges, and Indian lands. Since these reservations were established they have been constantly challenged and weighed in the light of the old pioneer philosophy that has dominated thought on the North American Continent since the days of discovery. Today we are forced to justify them constantly to protect them from industrial exploitation or commercial developments which could destroy them. During the past few years, we have fought invasions of the national parks, national forests, and wildlife refuge systems.

The battles go on constantly and are increasing in intensity. The great task today of all interested in the preservation of natural areas is to justify them in the eyes of a people the majority of whom are still convinced that nothing should interfere with the grinding progress of our mechanical age. Even though these areas are seemingly protected by law and administrative decrees, it has become necessary to justify their protection from every conceivable angle.

To place a precise value on wilderness is as difficult as to place a dollar sign on the worth of an heirloom or a landmark. There are certain things that cannot be evaluated because of their emotional impact. Wilderness is in this category. While certain areas might have worth as a museum piece or because of certain scenic, scientific, or economic factors, its real worth will always depend on how people feel about it and what it does to them. If it contributes to spiritual welfare, if it gives them perspective and a sense of oneness with mountains, forests, and waters, or in any way enriches their lives, then the area is beyond price.

Wilderness fills a vital need today as a spiritual backlog to the high speed mechanical world in which we live. It is not surprising when production lines and synthetic pleasures fail to satisfy the ancient needs of modern man that he instinctively turns toward the wilderness to find the naturalness and stability the race once knew. The fifty-odd million who visited national parks and forests last year thought they went for the scenery and the joy of travel, but what they really went for was to catch a hint of the primeval, a sense of the old majesty and mystery of the unknown. A mere glimpse of the wild sets in motion dormant reactions long associated with solitude.

It behooves us to look long and searchingly at our last wilderness regions before we abandon them. We must not fail in our engrossment with physical needs to also make provision in equal proportion for the

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satisfaction of cultural needs. Wilderness regions may be a key to equilibrium in an age where technological advance has far outstripped man's knowledge of his humanitarian and spiritual needs. Any nation which today has the vision to set aside and hold for the future sanctuaries of the spirit is acting in accordance with man's profoundest requirements. In the days to come, the wilderness concept must be clear and shining enough to capture imaginations. It must take its place as a cultural force with all the expressions of man's deepest yearnings and his noblest achievements in the realm of the mind. It must be powerful enough to withstand everywhere in the world, the coming and enormous pressures of industry and population. A great decision faces us today and in the choices that must be made may lie in the future of the race and the road that man must follow. America can ill afford not to do everything in its power to preserve the wild areas which have such importance to our welfare. ●

Sig and The Wilderness Act

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canoeing expedition in "the Athabaska and Great Slave territories of the Northwest Territory."

Also in his oral statement, he condensed his testimony to the following:

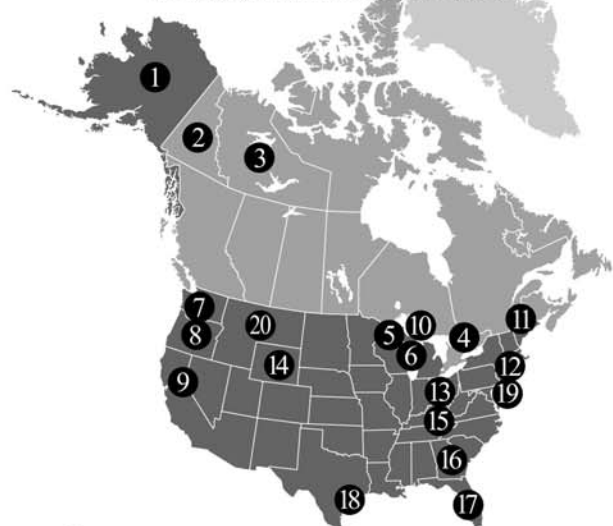
"Boiled down into very simple language, putting it all into one paragraph, one brief statement, it is simply this: In view of these mounting pressures, if we are to protect these areas, if we are to hold them for future generations, then they must have the dignity of congressional approval. There must be some bulwark against swift and immediate and unwarranted change. They must have the prestige and dignity of a congressional mandate, because without such protection, the diminution, the whittling away, the inroads of interests who might destroy them, will be very difficult to prevent."

It would take another seven years after Sig gave this testimony before the Wilderness Act was enacted. But he joined the fray at the start of that long effort, and would continue to do so until the Wilderness Act became the law of the land. ●

—Kevin Proescholdt is the national conservation director for Wilderness Watch, a national nonprofit wilderness conservation organization (www.wildernesswatch.org). He wrote about Sig's testimony in the book he co-authored with Rip Rapson and Bud Heinselman entitled *Troubled Waters: The Fight for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness*. Kevin also serves on the LPF's National Advisory Board.

Wilderness: Sig Olson's National Impact

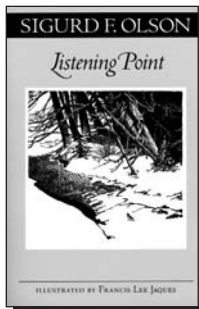
Olson's impact on the fate of public lands and wild spaces was profound and widespread throughout the country, as depicted below. His efforts touched numerous wilderness areas - including helping to establish Alaska's Arctic Wildlife Refuge and other Alaskan lands preserved in the Conservation Act of 1980, being a key figure in the creation of the Point Reyes National Seashore in California and having a major role in the Voyageurs National Park designation in Minnesota. Olson was also one of the writers of the Wilderness Act of 1964.



- 1 Admiralty Island National Monument
Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
Yukon Delta National Wildlife Refuge
Glacier Bay National Park
Wrangell-St. Elias National Park and Preserve (nation's largest NP)
McKinley (now Denali) National Park
Izembek National Wildlife Refuge
Wood-Tikchik State Park
Klondike National Historic Park (Skagway)
Katmai National Park
Kobuk Valley National Park
Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge
Aniakchak National Monument and Preserve
Alaska Peninsula National Wildlife Refuge
Lake Clark National Park and Reserve
Kenai Fjords National Park
Kenai Fjords National Wildlife Refuge
Cape Krusenstern National Monument
Misty Fjords National Monument
Bering Land Bridge National Preserve
Yukon-Charley Rivers National Preserve
Yukon Flats National Wildlife Refuge
- 2 Kluane National Park and Reserve - Yukon
- 3 Nahanni National Park - Northwest Territories
- 4 Quetico Provincial Park - Ontario
- 5 BWCA, Voyageurs National Park & Grand Portage National Monument - Minnesota
- 6 St. Croix National Scenic Riverway - Wisconsin
- 7 Olympic National Park & North Cascades National Park - Washington
- 8 Three Sisters Wilderness Area - Oregon
- 9 Point Reyes National Seashore - California
- 10 Isle Royale National Park - Michigan
- 11 Allagash Wilderness Waterway - Maine
- 12 Cape Cod National Seashore - Massachusetts
- 13 Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore - Indiana
- 14 Yellowstone National Park & Grand Teton National Park - Wyoming
- 15 Great Smoky Mountains National Park - Tennessee
- 16 Cumberland Island National Seashore - Georgia
- 17 Everglades National Park Suwannee River - Florida
- 18 Padre Island National Seashore - Texas
- 19 Chesapeake and Ohio River Canal National Historical Park - Maryland
- 20 Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail - Montana

Gift Shop

Share the spirit of Listening Point with friends and family with one of these gift items that celebrate Sigurd Olson, Listening Point, wilderness and more!



Sigurd Olson Classics
 Attractive paperback versions of seven of Sigurd Olson's most loved books.

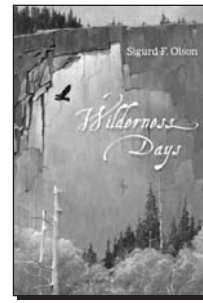
- *The Singing Wilderness*
- *Listening Point*
- *The Lonely Land*
- *Runes of the North*
- *Open Horizons*
- *Reflections from the North Country*
- *Of Time and Place*

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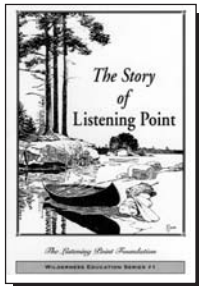
The Wilderness World of Sigurd F. Olson DVD
 A digitally remastered version of the classic film "The Wilderness World of Sigurd F. Olson" includes more than two hours of conversations with Sig as he speaks about the craft of writing and life in the wilderness. You'll also hear Sig's wife Elizabeth and their son Sig Jr. speak candidly about Sigurd, his profession, and life in the north woods.

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Wilderness Days
 University of Minnesota Press has published a new paperback edition of *Wilderness Days*—a collection of Sig's writings that depicts the essence of the magnificent woodlands and waters of the legendary Quetico-Superior region that borders Minnesota and Ontario.

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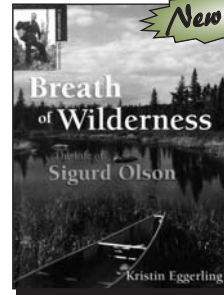
The Story of Listening Point
 This 28-page booklet, written by Sig's son Robert K. Olson, tells the inside story of how Listening Point came to be and why, what it meant to Sigurd Olson, and what it continues to mean to wilderness lovers and loyalists. Features dozens of historical photos and images.

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Sig Olson's Wilderness Moments
 For Kids! Five selections of Sig Olson's writings, with "Points to Ponder" and "Activities" following each section. Excellent opportunity to introduce Sig to the younger generation. Includes blank pages at the end of the book for several of the activities—journaling, mapping, etc.

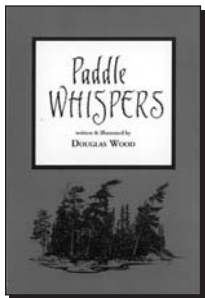
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New Item!

Breath of Wilderness
 By Kristin Eggerling. A must have for your Olson library. The story covers Sigurd Olson's love of wild places and how that love transformed his life. It is a book written for middle school students, but can be enjoyed by all. 92pgs.

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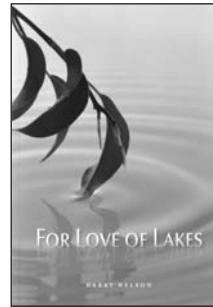
Paddle Whispers
 An illustrated, nonfiction meditation by Doug Wood about the human soul encountering itself through the soul of the wilderness on a canoe trip through the rocks, woods and water of the North Country.

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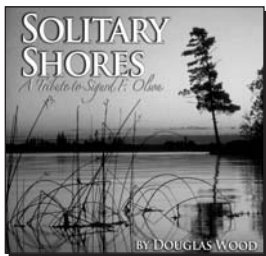
Chickadee's Message
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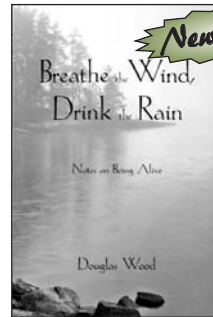
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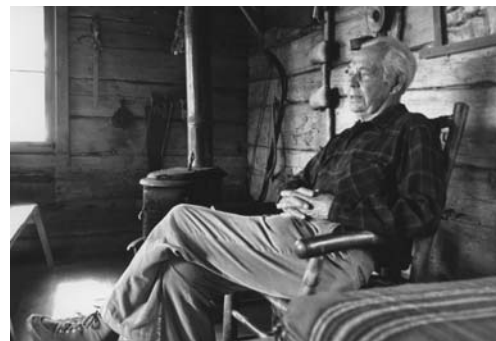
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"I have discovered in a lifetime of traveling in primitive regions, a lifetime of seeing people living in the wilderness and using it, that there is a hard core of wilderness need in everyone, a core that makes its spiritual values a basic human necessity."

— from Sig's 1965 address to a Sierra Club Conference



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