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Brock Evans speaks at the 50th anniversary of the 1964 Wilderness Act celebration at Schaible Auditorium at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks, Alaska

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Someone in the audience asked about the students that Brock met with in Fairbanks. Brock Evans said he talked with Wood River Elementary School. He said they were active and concerned students. He thinks there is hope for the future.

Comment from the audience about interns. Brock Evans talked about what you need to make changes.

Anna Plager asked about his book and where the idea for the book came from. Brock Evans described how the book came about.

Someone from the audience commented about the new coal plant proposed for the university campus. Brock Evans did not know about the coal plant and offered a few suggestions.

Testimonials.

Ron Yarnell talked about the reasons he lives in Alaska. He has run a wilderness guiding business and the benefits of wilderness.

Sherry Lewis talked about losses and how wilderness helped her deal with her emotions.

Susan Campbell talked about being grateful for the opportunity to spend time in wilderness and reads a poem about her time at the Noatak River.

Fran Mauer said wilderness is hope. It gives him hope that our country established a wilderness preservation system whereby law special lands are not interfered with or controlled. It is a place for inspiration. He believes it is everyone's responsibility to defend and preserve this sacred space we call wilderness.

Dave Payer talked about his own wilderness experience, early influences on his life and what wilderness means to him.

Pam Miller talked about what wilderness means to her. She said 1964 is associated with the Civil Rights Act and she talked about the celebrations that took place in Washington, D.C. She talked about her experience at the Arctic Wildlife Refuge.

Roger Kaye said he appreciates hearing everyone's comments about wilderness. He said there are also other values and qualities to wilderness. He reads comments from the author of the Wilderness Act, Howard Zahniser. The article was given to Hubert Humphrey and shared.

Magali Vincent talked about where she was raised in France and discovering true wilderness in Alaska. She reads something written by Margaret Murie.

Susan Grace sang a song written for the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act.

Andy Keller talked about the book, Fight to win by Brock Evans and closed the program.

Susan Grace sang Forever wild.