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Subject: Re: Alone In The Wilderness

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Rusty wrote on Tue, 10 March 2020 10:01 But he didn't invite disaster to himself like Treadwell did with misinterpretation of inherently dangerous animals in close proximity and just a camera. And Proenneke didn't seek out any notoriety during his great outdoor's testament and amazing adaptation to nature.

Well, I meant no harm. To me they are similar men because both were seeking something outside themselves to feel okay. I disagree that Proenneke didn't invite disaster. He was alone in the wilderness without the option for medical help, in dangerous temps, using tools that could sever an artery, with only his wits to keep himself fed, and surrounded by animals that will kill humans. I mean, that's why his story is so cool. That's why people still talk about how amazing he was. He was self-reliant in the deadly wilderness of Alaska. You couldn't produce this thing in New York City without becoming a laughingstock. Look at the reality show Survivor. Yeah, they're living by their wits (sort of) but there's a medical tent and helicopters that can evacuate someone who needs help. The show catches flack for that.

We know it turned out okay and that he thrived. Proenneke lived to be 86. But yeah, while watching I kept thinking he could've ended up like Treadwell. Besides that, can you imagine the toothaches he had to have?

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