



NEW YORK STATE . . . WHERE WILDERNESS PRESERVATION BEGAN IN AMERICA!



Flowed Lands, High Peaks Wilderness Area.
Photo by Carl Heilman II

THE NATIONAL WILDERNESS SYSTEM PRESERVATION ACT OF 1964 IS 50 YEARS OLD THIS YEAR.

Its principal author and chief lobbyist, Howard Zahniser, worked for The Wilderness Society. In 1946, Adirondack Wild's founder, Paul Schaefer, introduced Zahniser to the Adirondacks, the Forest Preserve, and New York State's "Forever Wild" constitutional protection. Combined they inspired Zahniser to fashion Wilderness legislation on a national scale. Signed into law on September 3, 1964, by President Lyndon B. Johnson at the White House, this bill came to be known as . . . The Wilderness Act.

Today, there are more than 109 million acres of designated Wilderness across America. And New York State eventually adopted Zahniser's Wilderness definition in its State Land Master Plans for the Adirondack and Catskill Parks, which contain 3 million forested acres of public, Forever Wild lands.

To help celebrate the Golden Anniversary of The Wilderness Act, and to recognize New York's influence on its creation, Adirondack Wild has produced a 15-minute DVD film. Its goal is to heighten our awareness, renew our energies to protect wildness in our State, and recruit new supporters for wilderness preservation and stewardship.

CAN WE ENLIST YOUR SUPPORT, TOO?

By sending a donation **of any amount** to Adirondack Wild, we will send you our new DVD film *Forever Wild*, produced by acclaimed Adirondack photographer/author Carl Heilman II and inspirational singer-songwriter Dan Berggren.

WILDERNESS . . . PASS IT ON!

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