

don't need this much protection. The cold weather I love stand but I do not like the idea of darkness all the time. As long as you can try you cannot be outside more than 10-12 hours a day. And the rest of the time you spend in your ^{little} cabin and develop all these habits like "O my photo not quite clean and you keep it immaculate although I usually live in a pig-pen. That was the worst part that it was dark all the time. It was much easier to live in the cabin in the winter. We would get 55 gals of oil and haul it 4 miles from the main road and we would burn this oil instead of wood so that there was very little work to do. We did not cut down trees because we wanted to leave them for beauty around the cabin. Other than food for the dogs we got some exercise in walking to the main road. In summer I had to walk in and out every day to go to work and that was not a whole lot of fun. It like to walk but not when I have to go to work.

One time we were weathered in for 2 days and we woke up one morning and it was 46°F ^{below} outside and so we maligned around a little and we had a cup of coffee and then another cup with the wind blowing 20 MPH and so you make all kinds of excuses to stay inside. One day we started to climb Pyramid Mountain ^{6000 ft} to practice for McKinley climb and the wind was 60 miles an hour and the temp about 30°F ^{below} so we decided to try again some other day. The coldest I have every felt was 20°F below in a mt tent. The wind is more critical than the temperature. It also gets complicated on how you dress yourself. In the morning no matter what you do you have a tendency to overdress and then you go out and start to work hard and you have a choice whether to take off some of your cloths or sweat. The best thing is to pace yourself so that you do not sweat. If you go to bed with sweaty cloths you are sure to be cold all night and even the next morning and for that matter all next day. The large arctic boot is the best shoe ever invented but once they get cold it is hard to get the shoes warm again. So if your feet are cold when you put them into these shoes they will remain cold for several hours. One night I wore them in bed.

Before I got the oil burning stove I used a wood stove and no matter how well I banked it I was never able to put more than four hours of wood in the stove and then it would go out except a few hot ember in the ashes and these were not providing any warmth at all so one night I stoked it up a whole lot and got the cabin really hot and I woke up an hour later and opened the window a couple