

## A Call for Wilderness Stewardship from Salt Lake Quakers



I grew up in northern Minnesota. Wilderness was everywhere around, my personal inspiration and a vital part of our family life. I came to Utah for skiing and wilderness, and later for my education and profession. Now I know that wilderness needs protection to survive, nurturing and inspiring further generations.

*Russell Fish*

Humanity has evolved from the dust/water/air of planet earth. We have, unfortunately, diminished our connection with the earth through indoor education, work and even entertainment. The call for No Child Left Inside speaks well to the importance of wild lands. This call might well expand to No Person Left Inside. Our sanity depends on our awareness that we are not just on the earth, but that we are of the earth.

*Peggy Christensen*

What wilderness gives freely is far more valuable than anything with a price that we might take. Let us protect her generosity from those whose hearts are not yet ready to receive her gifts.

*Philip Emmi*

There is a vastness, an openness, a peace to God that illuminates all of us. To stand in nature is simply to be surrounded by all these things of God which are already inside of us.

*Brian Martin*

Anyone who has spent time in wilderness areas with loved ones knows the special bond of shared memory that the wild places of Utah create each and every day. It is the kind of bond that strengthens families, renewing both body and spirit.

*Julian C. Cooke*

An appreciation of beauty lies at the core of what makes us different than machines, and makes life worth living. There we also find our love of nature.

Listening here, visioning here, recollecting all we've lost, we find space to breathe and space to live, to leave our children's kids a fair, full chance. So friends, take no liberties that nature cannot bear to give. We've got but one home. Let's love her well, this ground of all that lives and thrives.

The stillness without nourishes a stillness within. Without space from noise, how will we hear?

My preservation is in the preservation of wild lands. The interdependence of all life and the health of Utah lands strengthens me. Please protect Utah's wild places. Peace on earth, peace with earth.

*Elaine Emmi*