

## A Call for Wilderness Stewardship from the National Council of Jewish Women



The unfettered Utah landscape restores my soul.

*Marsha Bronsky*

How could we imagine our beginnings without such incredible, authentic historic remains? They are irreplaceable treasures to be guarded with full intention.

*Naomi Franklin*

A red vista...  
A wide winding river...  
Where will it go?  
I hope the end of it  
We will never know.

*Robyn Isaacson*

Utah's wild, beautiful and scenic landscape is a place where we as a family go to play, hike, hang out and restore balance in our lives. Utah is one of the most beautiful states – it is vital that it be preserved for future generations.

Utah is God's country.

*Lynn Cobne*

Utah's wild and beautiful landscape is the place I feel most connected to G-d and all of the forces in the universe bigger than myself.

*Pam Silberman*

Wilderness is important for the soul. We need places of solitude to retreat from the hectic city life. We must preserve our remaining pristine wilderness areas and protect them for future generations and for eternity.

*Susan Way*

We must preserve our incomparable, special and unique Utah wilderness. It is a God-given task to keep it unspoiled. My son comes all the way from beautiful Alaska to renew his own soul in southern Utah, as do we.

*Rochelle Wenger*

As a former science teacher, enthusiastic bird watcher, and member of Hawk Watch International, I see wonderful educational and recreational opportunities wilderness areas provide. I treasure the times I've spent on these places and look forward to my grandchildren enjoying them as well.

*Marsba B.*

The beauty of southern Utah is Utah's greatest asset. It must be preserved, as it provides educational value, as well as the value tourism provides to the growth of the state.

*Elise Bromer*

We need to protect this evidence of America the Beautiful. This is truly where we discover the grace of God.

Wilderness is vital for restoring our spirits – a gift we must preserve for our posterity.

*Rosemary Shaban*

We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, or perhaps even the world, and in these times of stress, nothing renews one like leaving it all behind and going into our beautiful national parks and wilderness areas. We need to do all we can to preserve these areas.

*Keren Beebe*

Looking at this beautiful scene is comforting to your spirit; being there to enjoy it in person is nourishing to your soul. We are all enriched by the natural beauty around us.

*Anne Brodke*

This beautiful land has inspired the artist within. I am disabled, and I look up at a mountain and I am convinced that all things are possible.

*Barbara Barman*

All your problems disappear when you are hiking in the wilderness. We must keep these spaces for future generations. God is closest to you in the wilderness.

I am a Utah citizen by choice – year after year, the mountains brought me, my family and my friends to Utah as visitors. I feel so very fortunate that for the past ten years, I have lived here. Now, I live in the mountains. I think in the mountains, I contemplate, and if you will, I pray in the mountains.

*Susan A.*

The incredible landscape of Utah has become my house of worship.

*Rita*

These soaring arches in my state, Utah, make my soul soar. They need to be protected for all generations.

*Nana B. Podolsky*

Redrock country is the gateway to the soul.

For the next generation and beyond to enjoy.

*Alison Hertz*

Wilderness is our earth as God made it. When I have the opportunity to visit, it is a spiritual experience that brings me peace where I am happy to be alive.

*Denise Doebbeling Turkanis*

What a unique, God-provided temple! There is no way to improve such natural creations. Therefore, protect and preserve that of which we are stewards.

*Naomi Franklin*

Nature heals all wounds... let us not wound nature. Please protect our wild lands for future generations.

*N. Balandrin*

I am inspired by the beauty and vastness of the southern Utah wilderness areas. The mountains, the red rocks, the desert and the rivers make me connected to something greater than myself.

*Hilary Silberman*

If my children's children miss this, it would be a crime.

Our adult children have moved elsewhere for professional reasons, but whenever possible, they return to Utah's beautiful places, as do we. Please preserve our wild and quiet places.

*Ginny Rothstein*

Please preserve this beautiful country of ours. Whenever I go hiking or camping or just sightseeing, I realize how spiritual this world of ours is. I truly know that it is our gift from G-d. We should not take this precious gift for granted nor should we ever destroy or mutilate it. I only hope and pray that my grandchildren and my great-grandchildren will be able to see this same beauty.

*Fran Lapin*