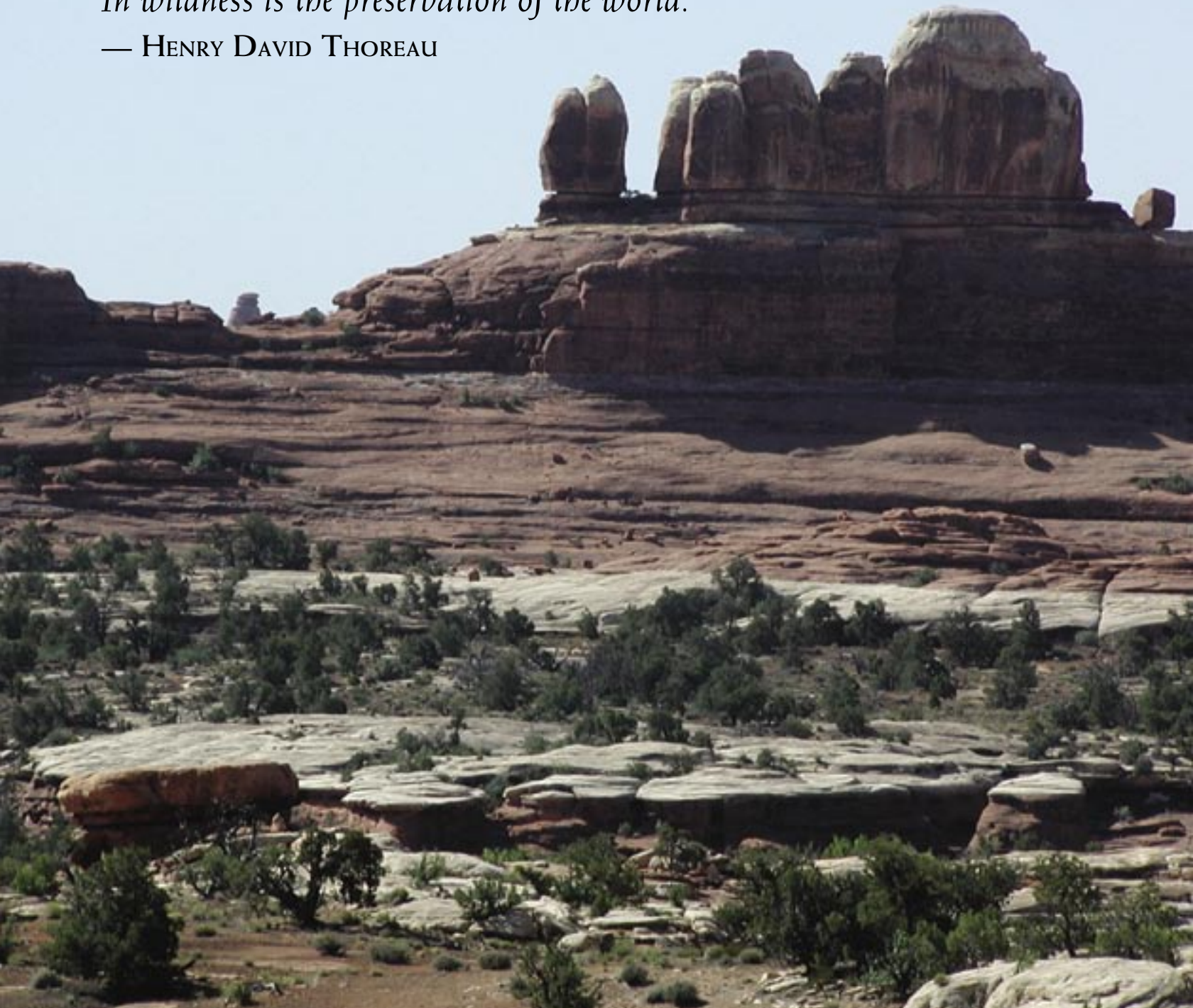




WILDEARTH
GUARDIANS
A FORCE FOR NATURE

“In wildness is the preservation of the world.”

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU



THE AMERICAN WEST... a place of dreams, of history, of drama, of soaring rocky peaks, verdant open plains and cactus-studded deserts given life by raging rivers and sinuous streams. Living in this diverse landscape is an array of wildlife from majestic bears, wolves and mountain lions to prairie dogs, sage-grouse, and desert tortoise. But the American West that lives in our imaginations is under assault by unconstrained growth and polluting industrial practices like logging, ranching, mining, and oil and gas extraction. Corporate special interests are poisoning our land and water, and endangering our unique natural heritage. WildEarth Guardians brings people, science, and the law together in defense of the American West's rivers, forests, deserts, grasslands, and the delicate web of life to which we are inextricably linked.

WILDLIFE PROGRAM

Livestock production, oil and gas extraction, urban sprawl and off-road vehicles are just some of the land uses destroying the West's extraordinary diversity of plants and animals. Eighty percent of imperiled species are not protected under the Endangered Species Act, and those that are must be brought back from the brink of extinction.

The Wildlife Program protects the diversity of life and believes every species deserves to survive and thrive. We seek to prevent extinction and ensure protection of native plants and animals in the West.



Our Wildlife Vision

We envision native wildlife free to roam through wild places, weaving their vital threads through the web of life.

Wolves: Restoring the Balance

By working to re-establish endangered gray wolves in the Southern Rockies and to ensure the few remaining Mexican wolves in the Southwest grow in number, WildEarth Guardians is restoring the delicate balance of nature these creatures provide.



WILD PLACES PROGRAM

The West's few remaining wild places are under constant threat from shortsighted government and industry practices that favor profit over protection of our natural heritage. Cropland, cow pastures, clearcuts and a criss-cross of roads have replaced sagebrush seas, rolling prairies, and magical forests.

The Wild Places Program works to protect the West's natural wildness and beauty while restoring previously degraded areas to a more natural state.

Our Wild Places Vision

We envision immense wild landscapes interconnected by corridors free from human activity and teeming with the diversity of life.

Sagebrush Sea: The West's Wild Heart

The Sagebrush Sea, an ocean of diversity spanning the interior West, is threatened with oil and gas extraction, livestock grazing, and off-road vehicles. We seek to protect and restore this mosaic of shrubs, trees, grasses, wildflowers and unique wildlife by designating large conservation reserves.

WILD RIVERS PROGRAM

Rivers are the arteries of life in the West's arid landscape; more than 75 percent of native species depend on rivers and streams. Yet archaic and wasteful agricultural practices, urban overuse, industrial dumping and other activities are drying up and polluting our rivers.

The Wild Rivers Program works to keep our cleanest water clean and fights to give rivers throughout the West rights to their own waters.



Our Wild Rivers Vision

We envision living rivers, full of water and native fish such as cutthroat trout and silvery minnows, lined by majestic cottonwoods, and enlivened by the songs of migrating birds.

Rio Grande: Keeping the River Great

Our fight for the Rio Grande continues to reclaim the river's flows. Our community tree planting events restore our connection to wild rivers while revitalizing miles of once-damaged streamside forests.



CLIMATE & ENERGY PROGRAM

The climate crisis is changing the natural world. Because wildlife, wild places, and wild rivers face dual threats from oil and gas and climate change, we must end our addiction to fossil fuels. The Climate & Energy Program works to set the West on a sustainable energy path that will benefit native ecosystems as well as the economy. This means challenging fossil fuel extraction and use, and promoting energy conservation and appropriate renewable energy. By making the unsustainable path more difficult, we will expedite the shift to a clean energy model.

Our Climate & Energy Vision

We envision energy reform that values efficiency and conservation, phases out fossil fuels, and embraces renewable power.

Climate Crisis: Personal Action

Our Climate Guardians campaign empowers citizens to demand reform from policy makers, make changes in their daily lives, and offset emissions.

Learn more about WildEarth Guardians or join us at www.WildEarthGuardians.org.

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“I try to think broadly and so does WildEarth Guardians. I support the organization because it aims to protect all threatened plants and animals in the West and implements a wide variety of strategies to accomplish that bold mission.”

— MURRAY GELL-MANN, 1969 Nobel Prize Winner in Physics

“WildEarth Guardians is a fearless organization that puts the integrity of the ecosystem before politics. This is an organization that articulates for all of us, with sound science, eloquent language, and compassion, why healthy communities matter in the American West, not just for our own species, but all life.”

— TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS, Writer



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