

The Nature of Disconnect: Wilderness in the Face of Climate Change

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The Junction of Wilderness and Climate Change

Sources for perspectives and solutions:

Historical accounts and analysis

Legislation and policy

Scientific knowledge

Natural history

Literature and poetry

Personal experience



Main Ideas

The conceptual division of wilderness and civilization

- Historically, wilderness has been defined as an opposite to civilization, an escape from human ills.
- Climate change forces us to reconsider our past and current relationships with the natural world, including wilderness.

Gratitude and humility

- Wilderness teaches us the difference between necessity and want, an important consideration in an era of mass consumption and waste.
- Observing changes in wilderness speaks to humility, both in the face of anthropogenic climate change and the complex processes in wilderness ecosystems.



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