

# **Appendix C**

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## **Deuteronomy 8:7**

“For the Lord, our God, is bringing you into a good country, a land with streams of water, with springs and fountains welling up in the hills and valleys...”

“Woe unto them that join house to house, that lay field to field, till there be no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth!”

## **Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882**

“In the woods we return to reason and faith.”

“Whoso walketh in solitude, And inhabiteth the wood, Choosing light, wave, rock, and bird, Before the money-loving herd, Into that forester shall pass, From these companions, power and grace.”

“... in the wilderness, I find something more dear and connate than in the streets or villages...in the woods we return to reason and faith.”

## **Henry David Thoreau 1817-1862**

“I would not have...every part of a man cultivated, any more than I would have every acre of earth.”

“Our lives...need the relief of where the pine flourishes and the jay still screams.”

“All good things are wild and free.”

“A town is saved, not more by the righteous men in it than by the woods and swamps that surround it.”

“In wildness is the preservation of the world.”

## **Estwick Evans 1818**

“How great are the advantages of solitude! How sublime is the silence of nature’s ever-active energies! There is something in the very name of wilderness which charms the ear, and soothes the spirit of man. There is religion in it.”

“When ever the light of civilization faces upon you with a blighting power ... go to the wilderness ... Dull business routine, the fierce passions of the market place, the perils of envious cities became but a memory ... The wilderness will take hold of you. It will give you good red blood; it will turn you from a weakling into a man ... You will soon behold all with a peaceful soul.”

## **James Russell Lowell 1819-1891**

“Solitude is as needful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.”

## **James Fennimore Cooper 1823**

“And how should a man who has lived in towns and schools know anything about the wonders of the woods?”

**Thomas Cole 1836**

“None know how often the hand of God is seen in a wilderness but them that rove it for a man’s life.”

**John Muir 1838-1914**

“...the most distinctive, and perhaps the most impressive, characteristic of American scenery is its wildness.”

“You know that I have not lagged behind in the work of exploring our grand wildernesses, and in calling everybody to come and enjoy the thousand blessings they have to offer.”

“The mountains are calling me and I must go ...”

“Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their own freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like autumn leaves.”

“The clearest way into the universe is through a forest wilderness.”

“A little pure wildness is the one great present want, both of men and sheep.”

“Going to the woods is going home, for I suppose we came from the woods originally.”

“I care to live, only to entice people to look at nature’s loveliness.”

“Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountain is going home; that wildness is a necessity; that mountain parks and reservations are useful not only as fountains of timber and irrigating rivers, but as fountains of life.”

“In God’s wilderness lies the hope of the world - the great fresh, unblighted, unredeemed wilderness. The galling harness of civilization drops off, and the wounds heal ere we are aware.”

**Horace Greeley 1851**

“Friends at home! I charge you to spare, preserve and cherish some portion of your primitive forests; for when these are cut away, I apprehend they will not easily be replaced.”

**Richard Pinchot 1856-1964**

“Conservation is the foresighted utilization, preservation and/or renewal of forests, waters, lands and minerals, for the greatest good of the greatest number for the longest time.”

**Aldo Leopold 1887-1948**

“The richest values of wilderness lie not in the days of Daniel Boone, nor even in the present, but rather in the future.” “The good life on any river may... depend on the perception of its music, and the preservation of some music to perceive.”

“...perhaps our grandsons, having never seen a wild river, will never miss the chance to set a canoe in singing waters ... glad I shall never be young without wild country to be young in.”

“Wilderness is the raw material out of which man has hammered the artifact called civilization.”

“Wilderness areas are first of all a series of sanctuaries for the primitive arts of wilderness travel, especially canoeing and packing.”

“Wilderness is a continuous stretch of county preserved in its natural state, open to lawful hunting and fishing, big enough to absorb a two weeks’ pack trip, and kept devoid of roads, artificial trails, cottages, or other works of man.”

“Wilderness, then, assumes unexpected importance as a laboratory for the study of land - health.”

“Wilderness is a resource which can shrink but not grow... the creation of new wilderness in the full sense of the word is impossible.”

**Robert Louis  
Stevenson**

“There’s no music like a little river’s ... It takes the mind out of doors ... and... sir, it quiets a man down like saying his prayers.”

**Bob Marshall 1901-  
1939**

“For me, and for thousands with similar inclinations, the most important passion of life is the overpowering desire to escape periodically from the clutches of a mechanistic civilization. To us the enjoyment of solitude, complete independence, and the beauty of undefiled panoramas is absolutely essential to happiness.”

**Paul Brooks**

“Swift or smooth, broad as the Hudson or narrow enough to scrape your gunwales, every river is a world of its own, unique in pattern and personality. Each mile on a river will take you further from home than a hundred miles on a road.”

**Robert Frost**

“Here are your waters and your watering place. Drink and be whole again beyond confusion.”

**Black Elk**

“Is not the sky a father and the earth a mother, and are not all living things with feet or wings or roots their children?”

“Give me the strength to walk the soft earth, a relative to all that is!”

**The Eagles 1976**

“There is no more new frontier, we have got to make it here.”

**Sigurd F. Olson**

“As long as there are young men with the light of adventure in their eyes or a touch of wildness in their souls, rapids will be run.”

“The mist was all gone from the river now and the rapids sparkled and sang. They were still young as the land was young. We were there to enjoy it, and the great machines seemed far away.”