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Comments: Looking over wild lands it is odd that humans take so much for granted without understanding what is really in the visual field. The piñon pine forests of the southwest are an example. Many times we interpret a large swath of land that is redundant and abundant without thought to the purpose of that land in forming a vital and fragile habitat. The value of that habitat in the ecosystem is often overlooked until it is compromised and the cascading affects of that compromise now registers in our visual field.

Since "settling" and "claiming" lands across the world the human species has ignorantly destroyed habitats and ecosystems that have had the cascading effects resulting in the current threats we are facing. Threats that include mass extinctions and global weather changes.

It is important to recognize and act to preserve what wild land we have left. It is important to take an attitude of being caretakers of our wild lands not to conquer and develop. The start would be to not only register with our eyes but to see with our mind by understanding the importance that wild lands including old growth piñon pine forests play a vital role in the health of our home, planet earth.