In class we will explore the origin of the concept of wilderness. You will develop an understanding of the ethical, socio-political, and scientific forces that continue to shape that concept and fuel the ongoing debate in the western U.S. and particularly in Utah. In addition, we will examine the Wilderness Act, how wilderness is designated, and planning and management tools that are used for wilderness preservation.

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