

WHAT MOTIVATES US TO DO WHAT WE DO? WHAT ARE OUR PASSIONS? A COLLECTION OF RESPONSES FROM THE EARTH TASK FORCE FALL 2011 RETREAT:

Learning how to take action * Peaceful Wild * Seeing how much waste I make, and wanting to make less * SEEING HOW PASSIONATE MY FRIENDS ARE ABOUT THESE ISSUES. IT'S CONTAGIOUS. * *Seeing garbage on the beach. Trying to run away from it into the forest. Only finding more. Knowing I must help make change.**

Being Involved In This Group * The desire to break the mold of destruction * Crisp mountain air, pure unaltered beauty * Understanding how big the world is, and that the United States is not at the center of it, making change the size of the world * **Spending time in national forests and national parks, and understanding that the only reason we have these spaces is because people made the decisions to put aside this land. Knowing we have to continue to create generations of people who will value these spaces and make more** * The contrast between beauty and destruction * Get more people into the wild, out into nature, and they will understand, I did * Following the drumbeat of the earth, wanting that beat to be as strong for the next generations as it has been for me * **Seeing oil in the ocean and feeling the pain of what has been done** *

LEARNING HOW EASY IT IS TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY * *The health of nature gives us our health. If we want to have a healthy happy life and want others to have happy healthy lives, we have to have a healthy planet* * **Going Camping With My Family When I Was a Child** * Even though this is hard, I wouldn't want to be anywhere else. *Finding peace, love, and balance and being the best role model of these things that I can, so that I can teach others to find joy in life* *

Experiencing the beauty, complexity, and intricacy of the natural world—cryptobiotic soil—there's so much we don't know * My sister came home, she was so passionate about what she was learning, it was contagious I got the spark * I want to bring these places and ideas to others. They've changed my life * **You can hear the most depressing stories, but when I see a group taking action to make change, no matter how small, I am never depressed** * Spending time outdoors *

