

Parks

All 85 million acres of national-park sites should be turned over to a consortium of federally recognized tribes in the United States. (A few areas run by the National Park Service, such as the National Mall, would be excepted.)

The total acreage would not quite make up for the General Allotment Act [1887], which robbed us [Native Americans] of 90 million acres, but it would ensure that we have unfettered access to our tribal homelands. And it would restore dignity that was rightfully ours.

To be entrusted with the stewardship of America's most precious landscapes would be a deeply meaningful form of restitution.

Alongside the feelings of awe that Americans experience while contemplating the god-rock of Yosemite and other places like it, we could take inspiration in having done right by one another.

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