“Ecology has a synonym,” said John Steinbeck, “which is all.” Here, in the desert southwest, ecosystems collide and give rise to a ecology that haunt the imagination. Mythology is born in these rocks and breathes whimsy into already supernatural geology: monoliths, hoodoos, slots, dunes, cones, and sure. What but spirits inhabit them? What, then, is “all” but the traveler’s experience in southwest Utah?

**BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SANCTUARY**
Stunning Angel Canyon is an ideal place for people who love nature as much as they love animals. Best friends is an acronym, so visit animal sanctuary on 1,600 acres of land open to the public. Extensive backcountry trails, guided tours, and volunteer opportunities. At any time of the day, it’s a home to hundreds of animals, including more than 1,600 rescue animals, mostly dogs and cats, but also horses, burros, birds, reptiles, goats, pigs, and more. Daily tours are free and take approximately an hour and a half and there’s a $5 donation on the grounds. Road lodging in advance. My notes:

**BRICE CANYON NATIONAL PARK**
Water and wind eared. 100,000 acres of sandstone and iron ore cliffs of box canyon is the best way to experience the desert. Smooth curves of sandstone embrace and cradle me. From the trailheads, you can get a feel for the extent of the landscape and it’s beauty.

**CEDAR BREAKS NATIONAL MONUMENT**
Includes the massive sandstone cliffs known as the “Circle of Petrified Cliffs.” Cedar Breaks National Monument is the most extensive network of slot canyons in Utah. Here you can experience the most extensive network of slot canyons in the world and see the most extensive network of slot canyons in the world. My notes:

**CORAL PINK SAND DUNES STATE PARK**
Explore the sand dunes formed by the continual erosion of the nearby Navajo sandstone cliffs. Walk among juniper, pinion and ponderosa pines or come prepared for the dunes’ main attraction: More than 2,000 acres of sand are open to OHVs. Four-wheelers can check out the Sand Dunes, a one way route that travels on the boundary of the monument and the South Boundary Trail. Between regular hours during daylight hours. My notes:

**FREMONT INDIAN STATE PARK & MUSEUM**
This attraction is one of the most distinctive stretches of driving on the All-American Road: Scenic Byway 12. The interpretative exhibits begins with the first step for meaning this world to the Great Basin National Park. Visitors are welcome to explore the exhibits, visit the museum and enjoy the beautiful views of the Great Basin National Park. My notes:

**GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT**
The color of the Grand Staircase is a phenomenon. A sequence of brightly colored sandstones mark the transition between this national park and the Navajo sandstone cliffs. The Navajo sandstone cliffs change the character and geology of the monument. My notes:

**MANTI TEMPLE**
Perched on a hillside facing the Great Salt Lake, the Manti Temple of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints is one of the many distinctive stretches of driving on the All-American Road: Scenic Byway 12. The interpretative exhibits begins with the first step for meaning this world to the Great Basin National Park. My notes:

**TERRITORIAL STATEHOUSE STATE PARK MUSEUM**
The Territorial Statehouse is one of the most distinctive stretches of driving on the All-American Road: Scenic Byway 12. The interpretative exhibits begins with the first step for meaning this world to the Great Basin National Park. My notes:

**TOPAZ MUSEUM**
The Topaz Museum on Delta’s main street is no surprise. In it is a testament to the Japanese internment camps it commemorates (6000 West 4500 North). The modern, numberless line of the museum exterior gives way to a thoughtful procession of five distinct interior spaces. 55 West Main: Exhibitions encouraged. Delta is a gateway to the Great Basin National Heritage Area and Utah’s fascinating desert West. My notes:

**ZION NATIONAL PARK**
The allure of Zion is the之一n one of the world’s most scenic national parks. The drive through the park, the hidden pools, and the towering cliffs are spectacular. My notes:
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