I go to these places to get my mind right... to rinse away the chaotic swirl inside my head. It usually takes a good deal of effort to get here... as it should... that's part of the adventure. For me, looking across open country and seeing these mountains puts everything into perspective. The clouds look as if you could reach up and touch them. Often, you can do just that when you're up here in the high country. Unlike much of the eastern side of the country, the West offers an unobstructed view of the horizon. Most days reward you with a view of mountains that can be 50 to 100 miles distant. The Rocky Mountain Range is over 3000 miles long and covers 382,894 square miles from British Columbia, Canada to New Mexico in the United States. That's a lot of open space you can use to rinse your head.

“I walked slowly to enjoy this freedom, and when I came out of the mountains, I saw the sky over the prairie, and I thought that if heaven was real, I hoped it was a place I never had to go, for this earth was greater than any paradise.”

—Daniel J. Rice