

*In Utah, trees cover 1/3 of the land
and the logging industry cuts down
5% of them each year.*

From a distance, the grazing sheep
are boulders,

fixtures in a meadow,
of this part of central Utah.

We drove our ATVs slowly through the herd,
watched babies follow their mother,
trusting her to teach where the good grass
lies.

My husband later discovered
that the herd and its ancestors
have fed,
on that land

for nearly a century.
Surrounded by dense
forest.

Sheep themselves were
one of the first animals to be

tamed.

Once we passed them we came,
accidentally,
to the logging operation that had been
creeping closer and closer
for the last two years.

Piles and piles of stripped naked logs
waiting permanent removal.

We drove back to camp,

talked about how one day
we'd be able to bring our kids

we hoped

back.