Welcome to the **Conservation Administrators** group. You administer all phases of the entire cycle of conservation and the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. Because all conservation programs are guided and protected by conservation laws, you believe that Conservation Officers play a critical role. Without them, the entire concept of “conservation of natural resources” would be a paper tiger that could be shredded by the lawless sectors of society.

Like many public officials who pursue careers in law enforcement, it requires a unique set of skills and personal qualities to be dedicated to this job. And part of being dedicated and wanting a career as a Conservation Officer is recognizing all the ways this job helps people, fish, wildlife, ecosystems, and even the funding sources that pay for all conservation programs.

Your goal is to research how Conservation Officers are key to the entire cycle of natural resource management, and why someone might want to pursue a **Career Path to Becoming a Conservation Officer**.

On a separate sheet of paper or on your computer, develop your Career Path Plan to Becoming a Conservation Officer that should include:

- Why are Conservation Officers so important today? Contrast what happened to wildlife 150 years ago without laws and Conservation Officers.

- List the beneficial roles that Conservation Officers play to; 1) outdoor recreation users, 2) fish & wildlife species, 3) parts of the environment?

- What key roles do Conservation Officers play in the funding of all conservation programs, including helping fund your “administrator” job?

- As a Conservation Administrator, your job includes hiring quality law enforcement professionals to become Conservation Officers. For your class presentation, research and prepare a “job fair recruitment pitch” to try and recruit all genders in your class to become a Conservation Officer.

- Consider using video or role-playing as part of your class presentation.