

## Seven Generations Worksheet

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Welcome to the **Seven Generations** conservation group. Unlike all the other groups, you have the vision of being able to think into the future for the benefit of another seven generations. This gift came from your association with Native Americans who understood the wisdom of planning and managing the natural world for the benefit of the next seven generations. Too bad the white settlers who slaughtered most of America's 33 million buffalo didn't consider that. America's 19<sup>th</sup> Century so-called "conservation pioneers" were mostly motivated to protect their hunting interests in a handful of big game species for their current generation.

So your goal is to develop a **21st Century Conservation Pioneers Plan** that will convince the other stakeholder groups that managing for the next seven generations instead of "next year's wildlife conservation" is actually the ideal conservation plan for the benefit of all species, including the two-legged ones.

The challenge you face is that some other stakeholder groups either think that everything's okay as it is now, or that conservation means managing a few huntable species today and lacking the foresight to think how their actions might impact wildlife and ecosystems 100 years into the future.

On a separate sheet of paper or on your computer, develop your own 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Plan that should include:

- Why the North American Model of Wildlife conservation fails to consider the great impacts on the planet for the next seven generations
- The need for your 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Plan that uses the vision and wisdom of forward thinking to create a plan that will endure the ages. Look for weak spots in their plan that won't endure over time.
- If more focus is placed on a conservation plan that considers the next seven generations, Mother Earth might finally reach a state of homeostasis between humans and nature.