

Wildlife First Worksheet

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Welcome to the **Wildlife First** conservation group. You're somewhat grateful for America's 19th Century conservation pioneers but you feel that they fell sadly short on the true meaning of "conserving our wildlife resources".

They tout their perfect North American Model of Wildlife Conservation so that agencies can manage a handful of certain big game species of wildlife so that they and their hunting buddy groups can slaughter them each year and feel good about themselves because they're part of the "great circle of conservation". Yuck! What a truckload of buffalo dung. If they really believed in putting wildlife populations first, they would worry more about saving wildlife instead of killing and eating them, right?

So your goal is to develop a **21st Century Conservation Pioneers Plan** that will convince the other stakeholder groups that putting wildlife first, is actually the perfect "wildlife conservation" plan. And it makes perfect sense when you think about it.

The challenge you face is that some other stakeholder groups either think that everything's okay as it is now, or that human needs should come long before the needs of a few furry wildlife.

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 is sadly skewed to mostly benefit wildlife agencies and hunters... at the lethal cost of snuffing out the lives of wonderful wild creatures.
- The need for your 21st Century Conservation Pioneers Plan that finally places a much greater value on all wildlife species forever instead of the short-term benefits of 7% of humans who hunt.
- If more focus is placed on conservation that helps all wildlife species, then the issues of biodiversity and even climate changes might fix themselves when the natural world finally has a chance to heal itself and come into a homeostasis balance.