

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is a set of principles that brought back our game animals from the verge of extinction. Many species went from vanishing to flourishing in large part due to this historical document. The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation can be split into 7 different principles. The first part is that wildlife is a public resource. Government manages the wildlife for the public within their own states. The second part is that markets for game are eliminated. Before this rule was in place commercial operations devastated local game populations of many species of wildlife. The third part is the allocation of wildlife by law. This law tells people that the wildlife is a public resource that is to be managed by the governments at the state level. The fourth part states that wildlife can only be killed for a legitimate purpose. If you shoot you must have a reason for what you shoot or catch an animal, like if you catch a skunk you would probably catch it because it eats your chickens or rabbits. The fifth part claims that wildlife species are considered an international resource. This part goes into detail of the importance of sharing responsibility of migratory birds that would cross national boundaries. The sixth part is that science is the proper tool for the discharge of wildlife policy. This law states that decisions must be made based on sound science decisions. The seventh part is the democracy of hunting rule. This is the rule that does not discriminate between rich or poor, prestige or land ownership.

I am only nine years old right now, but I LOVE going deer hunting with my dad. I LOVE sitting and watching deer below our house. We live outside of Cody, WY and we enjoy hunting and fishing. We take drives to the mountains and LOVE watching wildlife; especially bighorn Sheep. Without conservation we would not be able to enjoy wildlife in the great outdoors. It would be sad to think that the only way to view wildlife would be in a zoo. Hunting has been a way of life in my family for many generations and it is my goal for this tradition to continue. Without wildlife conservation we would not be able to look out your window and see a rabbit and the same for a deer, you would have to go to the zoo when right now you can see one every day.