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The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation was a brilliant idea that came about from sportsmen who realized that fish and wildlife habitat had to be protected for game animals to be conserved for future generations. In the late 1800's, Hunters realized that that elk, white tail deer, black bear, bison, and bighorn sheep had disappeared across the country. Hunters realized that they needed to set limits to save what they loved. This was the beginning of the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation.

The North American Model of Wildlife Conservation includes the following principles. Fish and wildlife belong to all Americans and that they need to be managed in a way that they will be sustained forever. Wildlife should be held in public trust. Natural resources and wildlife on Public Land should be managed by the government to ensure that future generations will have wildlife and wild places to enjoy. Wildlife management should be based on science. Wildlife managers should make sure that animals that are harvested and are put to good use and not wasted and protected from being sold like farm animals. Wildlife managers should cooperate with other governments to protect the entire ecosystem that game animals need to thrive. The goal is to protect hunting and fishing opportunities for all.

Wildlife conservation is important to me because if we do not take care of our wild places and animals' future generations will not get to experience what we get to experience with exceptional hunting and fishing. Some of my favorite memories are when my family is camping in the woods or when I am hunting and fishing with my dad. We like to go to Shoshone Lake in Yellowstone national park and fish for lake trout and also brown trout. Me and my dad hunt for elk in the later part of the year near Meeteetse, Wyoming. We also hunt for deer on BLM land near our house near Lander, Wyoming. Eating wild meat makes you strong and keeps you connected to the place where you live. I hope to keep going on these hunts for the rest of my life.

Next year I will be old enough to start getting my hunting tags. When my dad is an old guy and needs a helper to go hunting I will help him. We need wildlife conservation so that the population of animals stays healthy and future generations can keep having good experiences in the outdoors. I feel strongly about this, maybe because of my mom is a biologist who works with birds. A lot of our friends work in wildlife conservation and they are really good people. I think we are lucky in Wyoming to have a place where the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation is working and where we have good hunting and fishing opportunities.