From the Director’s Desk

There is a fundamental disagreement in society over the value of wild animals and the goal of wildlife management. Although this clash of values is rarely discussed directly, it plays out in countless wildlife policy issues. And it begs the question: what is wildlife conservation?

Traditionally, wildlife managers have viewed wild animals as a resource for human use, i.e., consumables. This attitude still pervades today in state wildlife management and is at the heart of many controversial policies, such as fur trapping, predator control to increase game populations, wildlife killing contests, etc. But that view is increasingly unacceptable to a public that values wild animals for their intrinsic and ecological values, apart from any benefits they might have for people.

The view of wild animals as resources underlies the traditional definition of “conservation,” which is often contrasted with “preservation” which, as the narrative goes, frowns on human use of nature. In reality, the lines between the two concepts are blurred. Most definitions of conservation in modern science. We’ve had 30 years of success and we cannot do it without our members. So please join us today by making a secure online donation! Call 575-522-5552 or contact info@wildlifeforall.us for more info.

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It is unfortunate that the term “conservation” has been co-opted like this. Whatever it’s called, we all benefit from saving life on Earth.

For the protection and care of all,
Kevin Bulby

Wildlife for All brings reform message to prestigious science conference

Wildlife for All staff and coalition partners came together in Reno, Nevada at the end of June to present a panel discussion entitled, "Modernizing State Wildlife Management to Restore Wildlife Resilience" at the biennial North American Commission for Conservation Biology. Read more...""