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From the Director:

Nearly all of the world's nations attending the [UN Biodiversity Conference](#) in Montreal that just concluded pledged to save species and ecosystems on 30 percent of Earth's lands and seas by the year 2030 ("30x30"). This is a huge commitment, and a cause for celebration, but whether nations will follow through on it is an open question. And as ambitious as it sounds, 30x30 is just an intermediate step towards the larger goal of protecting 50x50 that scientists say is the minimum needed to stop further unraveling of the tapestry of life on Earth.

There is an elephant that was NOT in the room in Montreal. All of the world's nations have ratified the UN Convention on Biodiversity except for two: the Vatican, and the U.S. I don't know why the Holy See hasn't signed ([Pope Francis is a champion of biodiversity](#)), but [Republicans in the Senate have blocked ratification](#) ever since the treaty was negotiated (with the leadership of the U.S.) in 1992. Sure, the U.S. had a delegation in Montreal, but they couldn't vote on anything. Consequently, the U.S. has not officially committed to 30x30 (although President Biden has issued an executive order to administratively implement 30x30).

Without ratification of the UN biodiversity treaty, the U.S. has abdicated a leadership role in global efforts to address the extinction crisis, at a time when leadership is desperately needed. And here at home, it means we don't have a national biodiversity strategy, as required by the treaty. Instead, we have a system where preventing extinctions is left up to the 50 states, and that's not going well. Most states are stuck in the past when it comes to wildlife, still fixated on providing hunting and fishing opportunities over saving nature. This op-ed I wrote recently is about the need to modernize wildlife management in New Mexico but it could easily apply to most other states.

We need states to step up and do a better job of protecting wildlife. Until the U.S. has a national biodiversity strategy, Wildlife for All will keep pushing states to focus on the urgent work at hand: saving species and ecosystems before it's too late.



Did you know that ...

- ...larger carnivores regulate their population numbers?
- ...random killing of carnivores actually increases attacks on livestock?
- ...the "need" to manage (kill) carnivores is a myth NOT supported by science?

Read more on our website [here](#).

Wildlife for All is the organizing body for a nationwide coalition of organizations working together to reform state wildlife management to be more democratic, just, compassionate, and focused on protecting native species and ecosystems.



Our featured partner this month is [Trap Free Montana](#), whose goal is to be your credible resource for learning the truths in trapping. They aim to increase public awareness and advocacy for the wildlife, the domestic animals, and natural resources impacted, damaged, and destroyed in this archaic, indiscriminate, unnecessary, and cruel activity of trapping.

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From Robyn Lynn

[The Intersectional Environmentalist](#) by Leah Thomas, 2022

The Intersectional Environmentalist examines the inextricable link between environmentalism, racism, and privilege, and promotes awareness of the fundamental truth that we cannot save the planet without uplifting the voices of its people -- especially those most often unheard.

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