



CONSERVATION

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT?



Why? Conservation

Without our ecosystems, humans cannot get food, water, clothes, and many more things we rely on a daily basis.

When we don't take care of our land, us as people start to suffer.



*Photo is from Bear Ear Monument, <https://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/national-monuments/bears-ears-national-monument>



Food Chains

- 01** We rely on each other
- 02** Danger when separated
- 03** Protecting at all costs

As we can see, there is a chain link fence to represent the "chain" in food chain.



Bear Ear Monument

Conservation Efforts

- Different political policies
- Different mindsets
- 1.36 million acres aside





The Success of Bear Ear Monument

- More than 18 protected species
- Most diverse land in the nation
- Best dark skies





As you can see, these are some animals, plants, and people jogging in nature to show the different aspects of what is discussed.

Why protect **Nature?**

Animals

People

Plants

Desert Mojave Tortoises

01

Mortality Rates

02

Burns and Rodents



*The photo is of a Mojave Desert Tortoise

Photos

Mammal Injuries

Burns
Rodent Chew Marks



*Photo Provided by Proquest Database

Other Injuries

Cracked Shells



*Image of cracked shell was provided by reptilemagazines.com

Endangered Rates- Mojave Tortoises

- 90% Population decline since early 1990s

*Photos of the desert, and a Mojave Desert Tortoise in his burrow.





What are we doing about **Fatalities?**

- Land Mismanagement
- Protection Mismanagement
- Genocidal Level losses (90%)
- No close watch

*The photo above is taken by Abi Fountain in Cottonwood Canyon.

CHEATGRASS

- Invasive, easy fire starters

MORTALITIES

We can see similarities here and between the Desert Mojave Tortoises.



Cheatgrass dries quickly, starting easy fires.

*The photo to the left shows the fire that can be caused by cheatgrass.



CONTRAVERSY

Although it may seem cruel to ignore these issues, there are many who disagree with putting as many resources as we do into the environment.

BEAR EAR MONUMENT CONTRAVERSY

- Many believe this land will be useful for mining, oil production, and more.
- Overstepping government boundaries by keeping land untouched



*This image shows a bear, to show tribute to BEAR Ear Monument.

MOJAVE DESERT TORTOISE

CONTRAVERSY

Unthoughtful actions
Wildfires
Land Development
Drilling/mining on their land

Living, breathing creatures no matter what



*The Photo shows a cartoon image of a Desert Tortoise.

CHEATGRASS CONTRAVERSY

Infinite maintenance

Not enough resources



*The photo shown is provided from Working Land for Wildlife, of an actual field of cheatgrass.

OVERALL

There is a lot of controversy towards wildlife and conservation. Even though all of them may not be totally conscious decisions, they are still often made with our ecosystems and wildlife at the short end of the stick. Humans will always put their interests above other species. Between things like oil drilling, gas drilling, mining, and more, there are many reasons humans believe their interests are more important than the basic necessities like clothes, food, and comfort the animals and ecosystems around us provide for us.



CONCLUSION

Overall, there is so many things our environment provides to us, and bare necessities that it meets. There should be a higher level of respect and care towards the animals and nature humans share their planet with.



THANK YOU FOR READING

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