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Going Beyond Boundaries: Wildlife Management Partnerships Across Landscapes

Introduction. We've discussed many ways we humans do not have a sustainable relationship with the natural environment, but there are examples showing when "we" have learned from our mistakes. We have brought the Bald eagle back from the brink of extinction. We have watershed management efforts underway in our region, and we have rules to limit air and water pollution. But do we have a sustainable relationship with wildlife? Wildlife moves, with no regard for state and national boundaries. And even when creatures as amazing as the Upland plover challenge our imagination we conservationists must also recognize *when* and *where* our notions and programs of natural resource management do not keep up!

Required Reading

There are *three articles* you have to read for this assignment; all new:

- 1. Aldo Leopold's essay for May, "Back from the Argentine";
- 2). Read "Parks and Protected Areas: Conserving Lands across Administrative Boundaries" by Jonathan Adams, page 61 in Knight & White.
- 3). Read Jeffrey Kochel's "Kinzua Deer Cooperative: Conservation through Cooperation" in Knight & White.

Assignment:

Read the essays with the following questions/objectives in mind:

- 1. Type and print a summary (one page, maximum) of the essay, and,
- 2. Relying on your understanding of relationships, vulnerability, and change, write about the Upland plover's journey. What challenges do you think migration imposes on conservation?
- 3. In "Parks and Protected Areas" what does Adams mean by "community based" resource conservation, and how do you think locally derived conservation goals are best integrated into regional and national plans? (Cite some examples Adams provides).
- 4. Adams says effective park and protected area management requires thinking big and small at the same time. What are the kind of tensions in terms of science, land ownership, and the limits of the law that come about from this view?
- 5. What kinds of conflicts motivated the creation of the Kinzua Deer Cooperative and what is the deer management approach the partners are attempting?
- 6. What are the kinds of on-going concerns that keep co-op managers busy?