R.E. (Comments on artical wkend 9/1/12)
Wildlife Agency Seeks Input to
Conserve Endangered Species

Att: "Regional Director"
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
And Ecological Services.

Dear, Mr: Rick Amidon, Wendt 9/19/12

1st thanks for letting me be part of this, I'm honored, and I hope I can help in any way, shape form. And, Oh! my daughter asks the same!

She has a front-row on this with me, it's awesome to see her passion for our animals and things outside just as my dad did. As a child, My sister and myself saved a chipmunk, after being attacked by our Cat. We used 2 pop-sicle sticks to cast it's broken leg.

After 2 weeks, we set it free. We saved a baby hum-ming bird, Rabbits, Squirrels.

I have seen, and learned alot, just by observation. Just as another of our Statesman did in the early 1800's, And not for from here!

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a little history on myself and my family.
I'm 50 yrs of age will be 51 Oct 14th of this year. My wife whom I dated 7 yrs before we got married in 1984 and we are still together. My wife joined the National Guard out of St Clair Mo. in 1982.
A Military Police unit.
she had almost 20 yrs. We live on a high bluff along the Bourbusse River here in Franklin County.
I've been lucky to have fished & hunted all parts of Missouri my whole life.
I've seen the mighty river (Missouri) totally change course it was not where it was when my grandfather ran the city dump in Washington, Mo. back in the 60's! so many memories, how fortunate I was, (And) I knew it then.
My father was (the Best) Fisherman, Hunter, Sportsman, marksman (Bow or Rifle) taught me alot. Because I paid attention.

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My dad could make every thing so exciting. He could imitate everything outdoors. Every sound every back grunt. And before you knew it, Instead of fishing, you're listening to your dad talk to the animals.

It was tremendous. I floated these missouri rivers lots of times.

And I've learned somthing every time. Amazing what can be learned just by paying attention.

After so much of watch and learn (then record it) date it. Remember it. My daughter is exsperiencing this now. She's ll going to become a vetinarian.

Our son 24 yrs of age goes to U.M.S.T. @ Rolla. In Rolla Missouri. He wants to be an Astrophisisist. Wow, I tell my wife Melanie, "Hun we'll have one child in space and one child on the ground outside" trying to help control (maybe fix) our worlds problems. Any way, the past 25 yrs here @ home

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have been changing.

We have a Bat cave very close to us. My daughter and I have watched them become fewer and fewer.

We tried Bat house's, feeders, play fly toys. What use to be Thousands is now, maybe hundreds.

My daughter ever says to me this year out in the garden.

Dad we need to make a bird Sanctuary. WOW! than I see your artical, I had to respond. We still watch, we still learn. I live on nearly 3 acres, on a bluff over the river 125' plus. Could this be a place where we can study. I hope maybe so. I'll see how many types of bats are here. I've noticed 3 I think. Please check out location on google-earth.

I hope we can come as one for the sake of our Endangered Species. I know Cassandra (our daughter) feels for our feathered or walking friends of the forests at times frightening, but I know me!

I have really learned alot never had money for College went awhile, but parents couldn't afford it with 6 kids.
So, I had to get a real job.
But I still watched our wild life and nature, watched and learned. Now, its with my daughter, and its so cool to see her eyes light up as mine once did, and all times still do with nature, you just don't know. But, always be ready.
Hope we can help!

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P.S. My daughter & I really look forward for your response. Hope to hear from you!