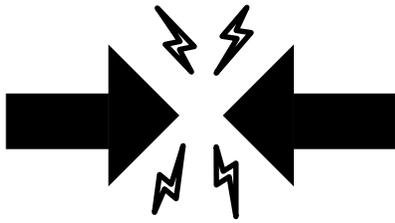


# Can the Conflict be Resolved?



## Resolving Conflict

The newspaper article shows how wolves and humans can clash when their needs conflict. Some of the basic needs in this news story include having enough food, having a place to live and protecting what belongs to you. The challenge lies in finding ways in which all stakeholders can meet their needs and wants and still live in harmony with one another. To do this, all parties must assess their needs and wants. Are they reasonable? Are they destructive or harmful to the well-being of others? Remember! **NEEDS** are things that one requires in order to survive. **WANTS**, on the other hand, are things that would be nice to have but that are not necessary in order to survive.

## Stakeholders

A stakeholder is a person or a group who has a strong concern about a particular issue. Stakeholders often have a "vested interest" in an issue; that is, they expect some private benefit from the resolution of the issue in their favor. In the past, many stakeholders have been successful at getting their personal wants and needs met, but often at the expense of wildlife and habitat. The current goal in protecting and preserving habitats and the wildlife native to those areas is for all stakeholders to work cooperatively to achieve a plan that works for everyone. Red wolf recovery is a controversial issue. That is, it arouses strong feeling and opinions from a variety of individuals and groups. Before you read the stakeholders' perspectives on the following page, try this! Working with a small group, list all the stakeholders you can think of - people and groups who are in some way affected by having the red wolf, a top predator, reintroduced to a portion of its former range.

The article in the [Southeast Chronicle](#) states that a study has revealed that it is feasible to reintroduce red wolves to High Pines State Park. Feasible means "capable of being accomplished." Now a Citizens Advisory Committee is being organized to discuss whether or not such a plan would be beneficial to the region and to the citizens who live in the area close to the reintroduction site. Who are these stakeholders and what are there perspectives? How many can you list? Use a separate sheet of paper if you wish.

Stakeholders	Perspective (Point of View)
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
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