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Please fund the Wildlife Coexistence Funding Package. We are not the only species on this planet, and we hurt ourselves when we act as if we are. Of particular interest to me are beavers. Currently listed as a "predator" (which is a ridiculous misnomer, they are a keystone species, and are vegetarian) human/beaver conflicts can be managed, and we are realizing they can provide valuable services in creating wetlands and preserving areas from the horrible wildfires we're experiencing. We've taken so much land everywhere, animals don't have much choice anymore as to where they live. Since a planet without them is unthinkable, we need to learn how to live with them. It isn't the 1850s anymore, folks. The millions of creatures that were here (buffalo, salmon, passenger pigeons) are either extinct, on the brink, or dwindling fast. Please.