



*I now suspect that just as a deer herd lives in mortal fear of its wolves, so does a mountain live in mortal fear of its deer. And perhaps with better cause, for while a buck pulled down by wolves can be replaced in two or three years, a range pulled down by too many deer may fail of replacement in as many decades. .... **who cleans his range of wolves does not realize that he is taking over the wolf's job of trimming the herd to fit the range.** He has not learned to think like a mountain. Hence we have dustbowls, and rivers washing the future into the sea." – [Thinking Like a Mountain](#), Aldo Leopold*