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We have seen from the introduction of wolves to Yellowstone National Park, where the introduction of wolves provided stunning examples of how a top predator actually IMPROVED the environment. Cattle and sheep are not indigenous to North America and their introduction resulted in a great deal of damage to the environment. Ranchers eliminated wolves to protect their herds instead of finding ways to protect them from predators. Bison evolved to live in N. America and are beneficial to the land unlike cattle and sheep. So I have no sympathy for the argument that ranchers make against wolves. Some ranchers have learned to adapt to wolves but too many are stubborn wolf haters and only want to kill them. Now that we are dealing with the existential threat of global warming intelligent adaptation is much more critical.