

**MART'S MAILBAG**  
**MART RESPONDS....**  
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Dear Carol,

Thank you for your rebuttal of my October 1 column on conservation. With all due respect I am in agreement with only one of your statements – It really is a shame to make a political football of such a critical problem.

Sustained yield management of renewable resources has been an accepted and proven concept for centuries. To try to refute same with blind ideology makes no sense at all. We would all soon be living in stone houses and have no newspapers to read if we followed your logic.

Conservation, which is especially planned management of a natural resource to prevent exploitation, destruction or neglect, is a much better alternative than what you suggest.