Wolves Need Our Help!

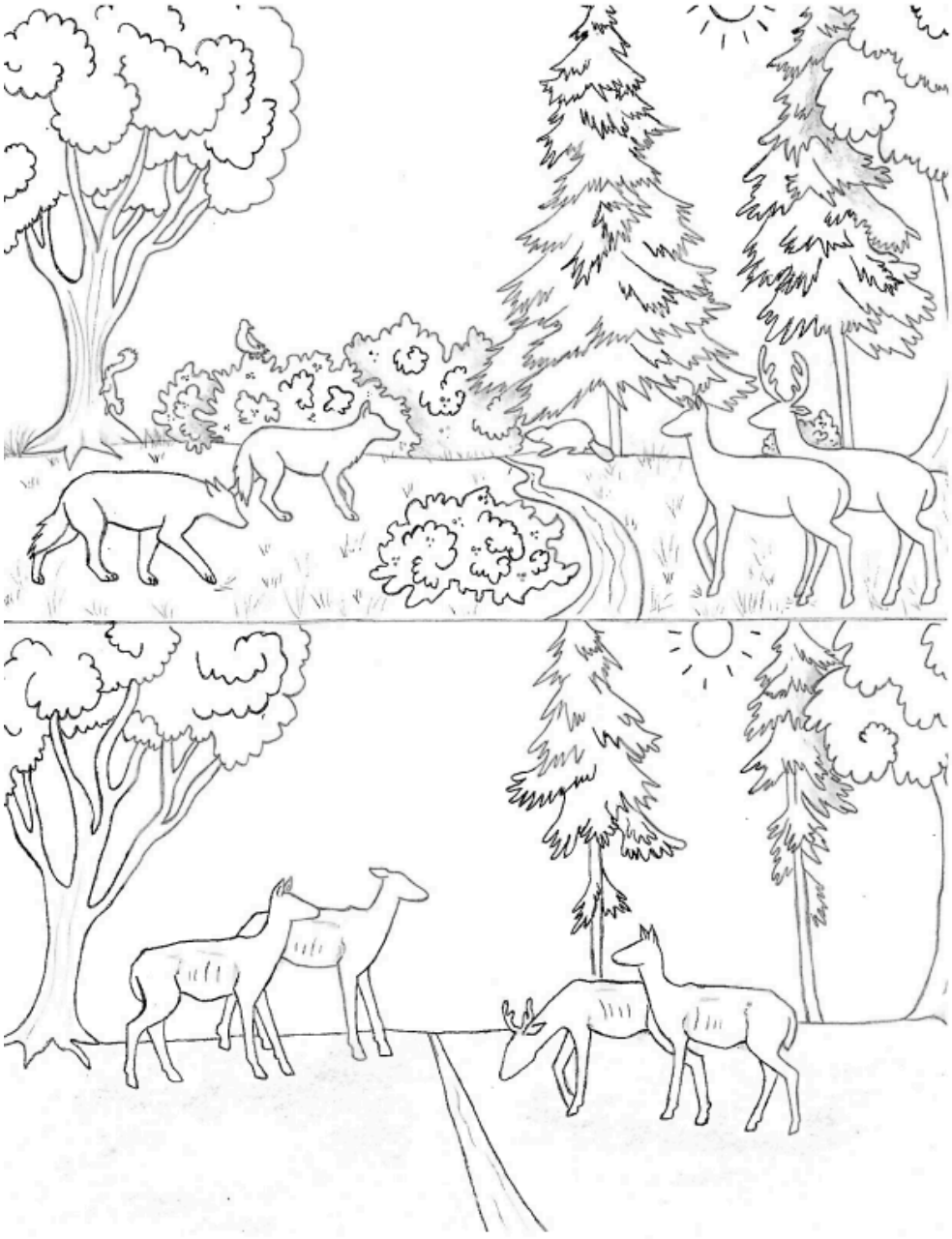
Wolves are **endangered**, which means there are not many left in the world. This happened because humans were afraid of wolves and didn't understand how important they were, so for a long time, humans hunted wolves.

Can you list any other endangered animals? _____.

Why are Wolves Important?

Wolves are important because they help balance nature. Wolves eat mostly meat, and they work together as a pack to catch their food. Hunting is hard, and it's much easier for a wolf to catch an animal that is weak or sick. This helps animals, such as sick deer, to avoid spreading diseases to their herd.

Wolves also change the way other animals behave. Animals like deer and elk move from place to place while they eat to avoid the wolves, never taking too much. But when wolves aren't around, the herds don't move as they graze, and end up eating so many plants that there isn't enough food or shelter for other animals.

Action Item: We can help wolves in our everyday lives by advocating for them. This means we can tell our friends, families and classmates about the importance of wolves, and bust the myth about "the big bad wolf."

The top picture is a forest with wolves, and the bottom picture is a forest without wolves. Can you circle the differences between the two pictures?