

Furniture Company

You are the head of a large furniture company in town. You would like to buy this plot of forest land so that you can use the wood from the trees to make furniture.

Congressperson #1

You favor protecting the pine forest from development. You think your constituents value the protection of natural areas in their town.

Biology Teacher

You are a high school biology teacher, and you know a lot about local wildlife and their habitat needs. You have heard about the Pine Snake, and you believe that this pine forest is a critical area for the survival of this species. Also, you would like this pine forest to remain a forest because you often take your classes there to do field work.

Congressperson #2

You favor letting a developer get rights to the pine forest. You believe your constituents want their town to continue to grow and thrive. You think that to do this, it will need more housing and businesses.

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

You are a U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service officer. Your office would like to negotiate with the town to put this pine forest under the management of the government as a wildlife refuge, specifically for the protection of the Pine Snake.

Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy works to protect important habitat areas for wildlife. You believe that this pine forest is critical habitat for the rare Pine Snake. The Nature Conservancy would like to purchase this land and protect it as a habitat preserve.

Timber Company

As head of a timber company, you would like to purchase the pine forest for your company. You would keep the area as forest land, but you would like to cut down the pine trees and re-plant it with fast-growing trees, like cottonwoods and tulip poplars.

Hunter

As a bow hunter, you enjoy having an area in your own town where you can go deer hunting. You would like to see the pine forest protected because it is good habitat for lots of wildlife.

Real Estate Company

You would like to buy this pine forest land to build a housing development there. The population of the town is growing, and you believe that many people would be eager to buy new houses there.

Bird Watcher

As an avid bird watcher, you love going to the pine forest to watch for birds. You would like to see it protected because you know that many different types of birds make their homes there.

Chamber of Commerce

You represent the Chamber of Commerce, which is concerned with the success of businesses in town. You think that the site of the pine forest would be the perfect place for a new shopping area.

Department of Transportation

You are against turning the forest into a preserve. You don't care that much about *what* it becomes, but you don't want it to be a preserve. If it's a preserve, you won't be able to build the new highway through it. With the way this town is growing, you would like to build a new highway there.