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Searching for the Elusive Fisher

Assessment form for March/April 2020 "Searching for the Elusive Fisher." (CCRA.R.10)

1. Who is the author of the article?
 - Jessica Krohner
 - Laura Lundquist
 - Bob Inman
 - Bruce Hazeltine
2. What prompted Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks and Idaho Fish & Game to study fishers?
 - Fishers are an interesting predator
 - Fishers are more abundant in the Northeast
 - A lack of scientific information and rarity of fishers in Idaho and Montana
 - The article does not mention why they are studying fishers
3. What family of animals do fisher belong to?
 - Mustelids or weasel family
 - Canidae or dog family
 - Ursidae or bear family
 - Felids or cat family
4. What caused fisher numbers to decrease rapidly in the late 1800's and early 1900's?
 - Disease
 - Homesteading
 - Heavy commercial trapping and logging
 - Hunting

5. In the 1960's, why did Montana import dozens of fishers from British Columbia? (Select all that apply.)
- To reduce the number of porcupines in western forests
 - To bring back an extinct species
 - Montana didn't import fishers in the 1960's
 - To provide trappers with an additional fur resource
6. What are some of the food sources for fishers that are listed in the article? (Select all that apply.)
- Fish
 - Wolverines
 - Grouse
 - Elk
 - Snowshoe Hares
 - Beavers
 - Deer
 - Porcupines
7. According to the article, what technologies and devices are being used by biologists and researchers to track fishers? (Select all that apply.)
- Radio collars
 - Thermal imaging
 - Night vision goggles
 - Motion sensor trail cameras
 - Fur collecting wire brushes
8. What is the purpose of Jess Krohner's study on fishers? (Select all that apply.)
- To show what habitat is best suited for fishers
 - To provide trapping locations for trappers
 - To conserve the best habitats for fishers
 - To allow for future translocations of fishers
 - To increase the quota for trapping

9. According to the article, what other animal's habitat closely overlaps with fisher habitat?

- Grizzly bear
- Deer
- Skunk
- Wolverine

10. According to the article, select the habitat characteristics where fishers were primarily found. (Select all that apply.)

- Dry
- Wet
- Red cedars
- High elevation
- Sparsely forested
- Densely forested
- Short, young forest
- Tall old forest

11. Why is it critical to understand where fishers live?

- So FWP can work to conserve the habitat where they live
- So FWP can accurately provide numbers and locations to trappers
- So FWP can keep people out of areas where fisher live
- The article does not mention why it is critical to understand where fishers live

12. According to the map on page 32, where are fisher's predicted core habitats mostly located?

- Northwestern Montana
- Northern Idaho
- Southwestern Montana
- Southern Idaho

Get your boots on the ground and dig deeper!

Historic Background: From abundance to decline

Objective: Research and Writing (RH.9-10.1)

Fishers were once abundant across much of the heavily timbered North American landscape. Use the internet to research and discover where fishers historically lived and when and why they declined and even disappeared in some areas. Use your findings to write a short summary citing details of when, where and why fishers declined in North America.



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