

Ecosystem Engineers

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Medium: Acrylic Paint

In this painting I want viewers to consider humankind's influence and role in the natural world. People are not only a part of the world's ecosystems, but also have an enormous influence on them. There are virtually no places left on the earth that haven't been touched by humans in some way. It seems that many people have a preconception in which humans are meant to "not touch" and "stay out" of nature in order to preserve it. I think this mindset needs some consideration. We are a part of nature inherently, and many conservationists focus on better managing, rather than solely preserving, our natural resources. I think there is a big misconception about this by the general public.

Bio: I am a senior studying Environmental Resource Management. I have always had an interest and love for nature and being outside. I plan to pursue a career in which I can be outside working directly with our natural resources. I have always loved art/making things as a hobby.