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The Role of Bears in the Ecosystem

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Protecting bear habitats is important because it keeps the ecosystem balanced and healthy.
2. Bears help other animals by spreading seeds, controlling animal populations, and cleaning the forest.
3. (Example response) I would help my habitat by eating berries and spreading seeds, and keeping fish populations balanced by catching salmon.
4. (Example response) If bears disappeared, animal populations might grow too large, plants could be affected, and the ecosystem could become unbalanced.

