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Re: Wolf Post-recovery Planning

Dear Ms. Wood:

I'm concerned about safety – for ALL...wildlife, humans, livestock, and property. Hence, this letter is similar to the one I wrote to the North Cascades Nat'l Park Service re grizzly bears. That letter mentioned safety several times. This letter will, too.

Wolves are incredible creatures. And, so are other living things. Who, ultimately, will be responsible for safety for all?

WDFW has management problems with the elk in Skagit county...damage to farms and other private properties – even damage to Sheriff vehicles. And, continued concern for schools (Concrete School District with elk on its property near kids) and school buses.

How long before the wolves multiply beyond reasonable control? It seems that way now in the eastern part of Washington state. How long before they wander westerly and compete for food along the way, within other wildlife needing the same nutrition?

Years ago, a lady in Walker Valley (in Skagit county) kept wolves as pets of some kind...maybe to sell, who knows. Then, one day, she no longer had them. I never heard what happened. Did she let them loose? Was anyone concerned/accountable?

For the past few years, I feel certain that I hear a wolf howling. I still hear coyotes howling, but a wolf sounds different – with deeper, resonant tones. And, I'm fairly certain that I have seen a crossbreed, of a coyote with a wolf, lope at times near my house and through my small, organic farms. It has a broader head and bigger body.

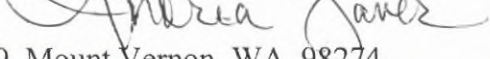
I'm always looking over my shoulder when I work outside, as cougars, bears, and coyote packs visit my property unannounced.

Will WDFW again spend over \$1,000,000.00 to someone (such as was paid to Francine Madden) for 3-4 years to manage contentious wolf meetings? That money could have been better spent on this state's wildlife.

What's next for wildlife? What's next for any resultant endangerment to the farmers, school children, recreationists, private property, livestock, and other wildlife?

Where is safety and protection of life; and balance for all resources?

Thank you for your consideration.

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