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Washington is far from meeting the goals set forth in the current plan. Wolves are a typing point species. An entire eco-systems health depends on them. Look at what adding them to the Yellowstone environment did. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife must focus its attention on current wolf-management needs. This includes: (1) Resolving, through nonlethal means, conflicts between livestock and wolves, which are taking place in some of the state's best habitat for wolves; and (2) Conducting extensive public education on wolves. This is emphasized in the current plan but has not been done by you. All wolf experts say public education is the single most important action to take for successful wolf conservation. A real effective plan must be developed through a science-based, public rule-making process that results in transparent, rational and enforceable strategies. To do that you must Stop cherry-picking science to justify wolf-killing; Conserve apex predators to save an entire eco-system. Bio diversity must be a priority! Stop messaging that prioritizes livestock over wolves. We need to stop eating so much meat. All science now emphasizes this point. Thank you