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While I am not a WA resident however we face the same uphill battle in OR with wolf recovery and government agencies bent on destroying them and/or offering as little protection and rights as possible.

Once again, science takes a back seat while ranchers and hunters are catered to. In the big scheme of all things planetary, we don't need ranchers and we don't need hunters. We do need our apex predators who keep a healthy bio-diverse ecosystem. Just ask all the wolf haters that caused the collapse of Yellowstone by causing a near extinction of the species. Thank god someone smart brought the wolves back.

The reality is that wolves have sophisticated family structures and every time you disrupt that you cause your own problems with ranchers and you negatively impact the survival rates of the rest of the pack. You cause your own problems when you allow lethal force.

Wolves are NOT bad ugly creatures as the destructive human created image that has been assigned to them for decades. They are smart, amazing, complicated predators that do us an amazing service in their management of the environments they live in. And they have as much right to live in their own environment as the ranchers raising cattle to be slaughtered. Wolves manage the ecosystem far better than anything we can do on our own throwing our cyanide bombs and aerial killing random animals. Nature has its way and wolves are a significant and important part of that. They need to be protected, stood up for, and allowed to increase in numbers. Honestly can't think of one more person that needs another burger. Our planet will do just fine without them. Wolves, on the other hand, we need them. And it's time government agencies start protecting them - for real! not some idle consideration to make it look like they are doing something, but actually force ranchers to have a nonlethal plan in place. Provide them tools and training and find actual solutions other than killing wolves. Killing is not the solution, it's part of the problem and the science supports it. Ranchers are NOT the only ones that matter.