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Creating a “post-recovery” plan for wolves at this time is premature, as Washington is still far from meeting the goals set forth in the current plan. Instead of racing to create a post-delisting plan, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife must instead 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, despite the fact that all wolf experts say public education is the single most important action to take for successful wolf conservation. Additionally, under the current wolf plan and any future wolf plan, management guidance, policies and protocols — and especially those which could result in wolves being killed — must be developed through a science-based, public rule-making process that results in transparent, rational and enforceable strategies. Therefore I urge you to: (1) Stop cherry-picking science to justify wolf-killing; (2) Answer the global call by scientists to protect and conserve apex predators; and (3) Use every opportunity to extol the value of top predators in keeping nature healthy, and cease current messaging that prioritizes livestock over wolves. The public will fail to see any reason to coexist with wolves if the department fails to explain that wolves are ecologically important and worth conserving. I, like the vast majority of Americans, greatly value wolves. They are an iconic species and a crucial element in healthy ecosystems. They're highly intelligent, social, and family-oriented. They mate for life, and even raise their pups among extended family. Furthermore, wolves keep their ecosystems diverse, abundant, and healthy and this benefits all of us. Delisting wolves is scientifically unsound and politically motivated. Wolves are to blame for less than one percent of cattle and sheep losses. Rather than killing wolves, we should insist that ranchers use non-lethal methods to protect their livestock. Wolves matter. Please give them a chance to recover. Thank you for considering my comments.