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It is way too early to put together a "post-recovery" plan for wolves. Wait until the wolves actually ARE recovered as a population. In the meantime, please focus on improving current protocols for mediating wolf/rancher disputes and on public education regarding the value of wolves in maintaining a healthy ecosystem and how to support wolves while mitigating public and private conflicts. Furthermore, for all current and future wolf plans, management guidance, policies and protocols must be developed through a science-based, public rule-making process that results in transparent, rational and enforceable strategies. Thank you for considering my comments.