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The wolves have barely recovered due to the state constantly killing them to keep ranchers happy. I can't even imagine how many you will kill once you've taken away their protections. Wolves serve a vital function in the ecosystem, keeping it healthier as they force ungulates to disperse instead of congregating and eating up all the vegetation. It's frustrating the you are so eager to create a "post-recovery" plan for wolves since Washington is still far from meeting the goals set forth in the current plan. WA state's current wolf management plans should really be called Wolf Killing Plans since the state never hesitates to kill wolves to keep one rancher in particular happy. The vast majority of citizens in the state, love our wolves and want them to thrive, but instead we are forced to pay the state to gun them down. We are sick of it. Therefore, Instead of racing to create a post-delisting plan, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife should instead focus its attention on current wolf-management needs. This includes: (1) Ranchers seem to intentionally graze their cattle in prime wolf habitat on our public lands. It's time to make clear that if the ranchers continue to do this, that it's essential to resolve their complaints through nonlethal means. As long as the ranchers get reimbursed when they have a loss due to wolf predation and also get the state to kill the wolves, there is no reason for them to get serious about non-lethal methods to protect their cattle; and (2) Education is the key to keeping wolves alive! You need to start 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. Why have you ignored this part of the plan?? Also, 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 kowtowing to the ranchers and stop cherry-picking science to justify wolf-killing; (2) Answer the global call by scientists to protect and conserve apex predators; and (3) Find a way to get through to the ranchers. If they don't want to deal with wolf predation, then tell them graze their livestock out of wolf habitat. 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. The public lands belong to the public and the wildlife but you continue to allow them to be turned into large grazing lots for the livestock industry. This pro-livestock agenda has been going on way too long and needs to change if the wolves are ever going to have a chance to recover. WA state is extremely right wing when it comes to our wolves. The public wants a change and the wolves deserve a change that benefits them and allows them to do their job in the ecosystem. Cattle are an invasive species, yet they are the ones you care more about protecting. Thank you.