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The department identifies the wolf population is growing at an average rate of 28% per year. Recognizing that a population increase rate is as such exponential, we can extrapolate the numbers of wolves will certainly increase past the natural carrying ability of their range prior to a rebalancing. This also means the prey (ungulate) base will be severely depleted, certainly to a point in which sportsmen will no longer participate in the licensing programs which this depletion will then effect. At least anecdotally herds are already in large decline and fewer revenues from hunting activities are being received within the state. We can expect nothing but a continuing decline, perhaps disastrous to WDFW, should severe control of the wolf population not be implemented. The Department must look to balancing all ranges within the state to an equal sharing of predator impact. If it is believed some number, say 200 wolves, are required within the state, then manage packs to distribute that number evenly over all areas of the state. Do not place a higher burden on any one of or on but a few of the ranges.