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I recommend in the strongest terms the following approaches to wolf management. Wolves have a place in Washington State's wild areas. We need to recreate the balance we've upset.

- 1) Manage the gray wolf as a priority on our public lands, particularly in wild roadless areas, advocating for restoration of native ecosystems, at the federal and state level.
- 2) Oppose government, state and federal, sanctioned killing or hunting of the gray wolf and other native carnivores and define and enforce penalties for illegal killing of gray wolves.
- 3) Recognize zones of chronic depredation, areas of repeated wolf/livestock conflict; and no longer consider lethal management of wolves in these areas. We're putting cattle in the wolves territory, what do we expect? Cattle belong on the range or feed lots.
- 4) Plan to fulfill your first responsibility of preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state's gray wolf population, for future generations.

Thank you