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I respectfully submit my comments below with regard to Washington's Department of Fish and Wildlife's development of a post-delisting plan for the state's wolves.

Due to the overzealous efforts and rationalization of ranchers to have entire wolf packs decimated in the last few years due to cattle concerns, there currently are only 126 confirmed wolves in the state. What is prompting this plan to begin post-delisting which will only accelerate steps to allow more hunting in the future?

Governor Jay Inslee (WA) had recently directed the Fish and Wildlife Agency to curb the hunting of wolves and stated: "The status quo of annual lethal removal is simply unacceptable." Instead, he encouraged your agency to focus on finding non-lethal solutions for conflicts between livestock and wolves.

Has Governor Inslee not spoken?

Please consider his advice and address the broken lethal protocol to effectively resolve wolf-livestock conflicts. There is a balance in nature and killing off the wolves will only create more problems in the ecosystem and other issues for ranchers.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.