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Response To Wolf Recovery HABITAT PROGRAM

I am writing to urge the delisting of wolves from the endangered species plan.

The rapid increase in the wolf population is alarming for preservation of wildlife species; deer, elk. The constant fear of being attack takes its toll on reproduction of these animals. Always harassment from the wolves alternates their grazing patterns. People who enjoy hunting should have game to pursue.

People that hike and appreciate nature should be able to feel safe when being in the woods and mountains. This will not be the case if wolf population continues at their present growth rate.

Livestock owners need to be able to protect their animals without being penalized as is the case now. Wolves create a fearful environment for cattle and sheep on the range, thus they do not gain weight as well as effectively their reproduction. This is a huge cost and very devastating to livestock owners. In addition is the loss of animals that are destroyed or injured by the wolves.

When looking back in history with wolves, there was great control exerted to limit their numbers to provide a safe environment for people and animals. We need to learn from history and consider today the greater population of people we now have competing for land and space in which we live today. The habitat for wolves is decreasing.

These are the reasons why we strongly feel wolves need to be delisted from the endangered species protection.

Sincerely,
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