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Due to the invasion of Wolf packs around eastern Washington I have found the big game herds are on a drastic decline. I have enjoyed hunting of whitetails and elk for many years however hunting today is not worth the cost of a license. Many of my hunting friends have indicated to me that they have stopped hunting because they are seeing no game as they use to prior to the introduction of the wolf to Eastern Washington. Prior to the introduction of the Wolf Washington state had some of the best big game hunting of any state in the lower United States. Is it any wonder why the Washington Fish and Game Department is 20 million dollars in debt as their is a huge decline in big game and that is being reflected in a huge reduction of revenue from hunting licenses?