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Attn: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Hello, Thank you for inviting the public to make suggestions and to comment on the current wolf post-recovery planning. I care deeply about our environment and the animals in our state and beyond. I believe we have a responsibility as humans to be stewards of the land and to be fair in managing challenges while protecting the environment and endangered species. I am very concerned that wolves in Washington are not being given the fair opportunity to recover and find their place in our eco-system. After researching the history of wolf recovery in Washington and some of the issues and handling of issues in recent years, I have to say I am disappointed and concerned. I do not feel that the killing of our wolves with their current population level is responsible or fair or a good solution to the conflicts that have occurred. I would ask WDFW to focus forward on non-lethal solutions, and that more should be looked at regarding farmers responsibilities to reinforce their properties and deter wolves, so wolves may go elsewhere to find more appropriate prey in the wild. I would also like to see more funds and efforts go toward research and current science, public education and outreach, and finding non-lethal solutions for conflicts. I believe wolves in Washington need and deserve to be protected and advocated for. It is my understanding we have not yet met goals in the current plan, and it is premature to even create a 'post-recovery' plan at this time. As a concerned citizen, I ask that your department review how current goals can be met, while looking forward to what more can be done to help wolves in Washington recover and stabilize. Thank you for reading and considering my comments.