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I applaud WDFW's desire for public comment. I have the following concerns for post-recovery:

1. A hunting season on wolves, once recovery and de-listing goals are met, will negatively impact pack dispersal. The unique social structure of wolves, with only the alpha male and female reproducing, will be greatly affected by hunting. Wolves are not a game species, so hunting will be only for trophy and sport. How will WDFW monitor poaching, tribal harvest, hunting, other takings, and natural deaths of wolves?
2. Aerial hunting of wolves is cruel, dangerous to WDFW employees, and expensive to taxpayers. What other alternatives are being considered?
3. Continued killing of wolves for depredation while ranchers continue to graze on public lands negatively impacts dispersal. How are non-lethal deterrents measured, required, and evaluated prior to kill orders? What is the impact to public support by allowing ranchers to meet minimal non-lethal deterrent goals and issuing kill orders?
4. How can WDFW improve integrity in regards to recovery and postrecovery goals that increases public support and reduces skepticism and doubt that WDFW is only focused on meeting minimal recovery goals to avoid conflict with ranchers?