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Wolves are vital components of healthy ecosystems. Unlike human hunters, wolves tend to cull the weaker members of their prey species, thus maintaining the long-term genetic health of those animals. Since wolves also prey primarily on herbivores, they limit the over browsing of native vegetation.

Wolves in Washington and around the U.S. occupy only a small portion of their historic habitat. The wolf population is also much smaller and does not justify a removal of the species from Endangered Species Act protections.

Considering these facts, I urge Washington to maintain all current protections for wolves in your state.