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I agree with Objectives 1, 2, and 4. I think Objective 3, Manage wolf-livestock conflicts, needs more clarification. For example, I have camped in public lands in the Okanogan area where livestock has wandered through campsites and forest at all times of day and night, apparently without any human oversight. It seems to me that livestock owners need to take more responsibility for the safety of their livestock which is turned loose in both public and private land. Why should wolves be killed when they take advantage of opportunities presented to them? Their natural inclination is going after the weak, and unwatched livestock might be an invitation to dine. Wiping out a wolf pack cannot be the only method of "managing" conflict. We need to find ways to manage livestock which will ensure its safety in the presence of wolves.