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As a wildlife watcher and citizen scientist, I am distressed by the approach you've taken toward wolves in Washington. Your plans do not acknowledge the value that wolves provide, such as helping ecosystems thrive by limiting growth of deer and other species that overgraze, cause millions in costs from car accidents, and suffer from chronic wasting disease (CWD). Please consider how much wolf tourism and wolf conservation could mean to your state finances. As the Dept of Fish and Wildlife, your job is to take -- and present to the public -- a scientific approach. Why not be a leader in showing the value and benefits of coexisting with wolves to the public? Thank you for giving me the chance to provide comments.