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This is a new era. People care about the environment and we are willing to go the extra mile to advocate for it. Have you noticed the uptick in rallies across the world that are calling attention to Climate Change, saving the Endangered Species Act, halting Gas & Oil exploration, halting Pipeline construction, etc. etc. etc.??? We, the people, demand that all creatures live together on this earth without fear of death or dissemination. This has to be accomplished through listening and BELIEVING the experts/scientists (who are credentialed!) It has to happen with education. And it has to happen with full backing from the departments that oversee each and everyone of these issues. The Washington Dept of Fish & Wildlife has a duty to put fish and wildlife FIRST. This can only be done if the department stays out of the pockets of politicians/wealthy businesses and keeps their eyes on the overall recovery of any endangered species and all habitats whether endangered or not. Which means, this department can not go rogue and operate under the radar at their discretion. There has to be full transparency. These predators are essential to our ecosystem. They are not a detriment to the livestock industry if all measures are taken to listen to the scientists and educate ranchers and the public. Playing into those fears is not the answer. The wolves have not met the criteria to be de-listed. Give them a chance for full recovery and do everything you can to support their right to life!!