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Don't go getting ahead of yourselves. In case you missed the day they learned about 'order' and 'sequence' in kindergarten, 'post-recovery' comes *after* the actual recovery. You have to meet the goals of your current plan - still a long ways off - before working on, let alone implementing, new ones. Instead of racing to create a post de-listing plan, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife should instead focus its attention on current wolf-management needs. This includes: (1) Resolving, through nonlethal means, conflicts between livestock and wolves, which are taking place in some of the state's best habitat for wolves. Protection of livestock is not a sufficient excuse for killing these magnificent canids. Numerous studies have shown lethal tactics to have little, if not no, effect on depredation rates. There is absolutely no correlation between the number of a given area's wolves killed and cow or sheep lives spared. (2) Conducting extensive public education on wolves. People are taught from an early age to fear wolves, even hate them. They are villains in faerie tales: murderers of elder relatives, or bestial servants of witches and fiends. Who could forget the iconic Disney scene where Beast rescued Belle from evisceration at the fangs of a ravening wolf pack? Who doesn't know, instantly, what's meant when they hear someone say 'thrown to the wolves'? Never mind that real wolves are shy, playful, defined more by loyalty than viciousness. They're far likelier to run from humans than tear into them. North American wolf attacks are almost always presaged by idiocy on the victim's part; often, offerings of food. That's not the wolf's fault, and it shouldn't be blamed. Nonetheless, the reaction of too many, on seeing a wolf, is 'shoot first and ask questions never' - a response borne of ignorance, and one that needs to change. If we don't start tearing down some of these outdated myths, the situation will never improve. And it has to improve, guys. Things have to start getting better. Wolves are an essential part of any strong, resilient ecology; they keep ungulate populations in check, allowing trees and grasses to grow without being overgrazed. America has felt the lack of them, these past hundred years: it's no coincidence that deer now overrun many suburban neighborhoods, nibbling people's front lawns. Look - I love wild beasts, and I know (or hope, at least) you do too. Why else would you be working for the Fish and Wildlife Department? So come on; do the right thing. (1) Stop cherry-picking science to justify wolf-killing; (2) Answer the global call by scientists to protect and conserve apex predators; and (3) Use every opportunity to extol the value of top predators in keeping nature healthy, and cease current messaging that prioritizes livestock over wolves. The public will fail to see any reason to coexist with wolves if the department fails to explain that wolves are ecologically important and worth conserving. Thank you for considering my comments.