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Washington's endangered wolves are nowhere near the recovery goals established in the state's wolf management plan. Stop wasting valuable time and resources, and focus instead on wolf recovery and conservation. Our protected wolves need nonlethal conflict resolution and a public-awareness campaign that supports wolf recovery. Creating a “post-recovery” plan for wolves at this time is premature because Washington is still far from meeting the goals established in the current plan. Instead of racing to create a post-delisting plan, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife must instead focus its attention on current wolf-management needs including launching an extensive public education on wolves is emphasized in the current plan but has not been achieved. AN ALL wolf experts are clear that public education is the single most important action to take for successful wolf conservation. Wolves are ecologically important and are definitely worth helping survive. Thank you for considering my comments.