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To Lisa Wood,

I am writing because I saw an article in the Colville, WA Statesman Examiner's statement of accepting comments about wolves.

I am in the mountains hiking regularly. I do not feel my safety is jeopardized by wolves in any way.

I am thrilled to see their ^{saw} footprints and I feel our area is more complex, richer and more in balance with their presence.

Frankly I am embarrassed by the fear and hatred some people have towards them.

I am totally in favor of removing cattle from National Forests. Each ~~farmer~~ ^{trancheer} is taking advantage of having their cattle overgrazing, degrading stream quality and paying too low of a price for all the trouble and controversy of claims of wolf attacks — leading to the killing of wolves — and being so extreme spewing their hatred and fear towards

I am happy wolves are thriving.

I am not happy when I read about wolves being killed to please the ranchers.

This is a tough issue extremely controversial.

I don't see a way to placate the ranchers other than removing the cattle from grazing rights.

Thank you,

Linda Way