

Dr. Demian

Hi: A “post-recovery” plan for wolves, at this time, is premature. Washington is still far from meeting the goals set forth in the current plan. How about focusing on current wolf-management needs, including: = Resolving, through nonlethal means, conflicts between livestock and wolves, which are taking place in some of the state's best habitat for wolves. = Conducting extensive public education on wolves. While in the current plan, it has not been done by you, despite the fact that all wolf experts say public education is the single most important action to take for successful wolf conservation. Any future wolf plan must be developed through a science-based, public rule-making process that results in transparent, rational and enforceable strategies. Please stop justifying the killing of wolves. Recognize and teach the value of top predators keeping nature healthy, and cease current messaging that prioritizes livestock over wolves. Thank you. Dr. Demian