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Our wolves need protection. They have not experienced a 'recovery' per the goals of re-population. We are not in 'post-recovery' no matter how we look at it. It's a political statement F&W may want to make....it is not a reality. The murder of specific wolf packs and partial packs, is a heinous reality, an eco-crime and an inhumanity towards wildlife. We need an entirely new way of seeing wolves....in CO-existence~~ONLY. We need to use only NON-LETHAL and humane methods of conflict resolution. We need to understand the needs of wolves, and of citizens---far beyond a few ranchers and farmers who lack any dignified respect for a keystone species such as this. Our neighbors in Idaho and Montana have opened up wolf season and wholesale slaughter. It's unconscionable. We are not them. Wolves deserve the freedom to exist as much as we do. They deserve a home BEYOND management. Our management of their species is a trail of tears. I am sick-hearted by this complete lack of respect for their intelligence, family life, beauty, and key role as a predator species. Creating a "post-recovery" plan for wolves at this time is premature, as Washington is still far from meeting the goals set forth 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. 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; and (2) Conducting extensive public education on wolves. This is emphasized in the current plan but 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. Additionally, under the current wolf plan and any future wolf plan, management guidance, policies and protocols — and especially those which could result in wolves being killed — must be developed through a science-based, public rule-making process that results in transparent, rational and enforceable strategies. Therefore I urge you to: (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.