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**From:** Denis Bassett <logarithumb@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 20, 2019 1:52 PM  
**To:** Director (DFW)  
**Subject:** Re: Post Recovery Management Plan Scoping Comment

Director Susewind,

By now you have undoubtedly received a considerable number of letters from members of The Lands Council protesting consideration of a post recovery plan for the wolf population in the state of Washington. As a member of The Lands Council board of directors, I strongly support the comments in those letters and urge you to consider them in your deliberations on a post recovery plan. But for the life of me I cannot understand why you and your department are even proposing a so-called post recovery management plan when the current wolf population across the state is neither sustainable nor exists in major areas of its historic range!

One does not need a particularly strong emotional attachment to the gray wolf to see that it is an absolutely keystone species for sustainable and vibrant wild plant and animal life in this state.

I would hope you and the entire WDFW would redirect your attention and energies toward supporting the current wolf population and to its manifest potential for critical recolonization by taking a strong stand against lethal control and hunting.

Sincerely,

Denis Bassett