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I have followed wolf recovery efforts in WA state over the past 10 years. I have attended commission meetings, WAG meetings and workshops put on by the department. Wolf recovery throughout the state isn't in the near future. We haven't only seen packs, breeding pairs in one of the three regions that would be considered to meet the recovery goals. Wolf recovery is being hampered because of the continued killings of packs in one area. The department needs to address this before you put in time and energy about delisting. Also the department's efforts on education about coexistence between human and wolves has been woefully inadequate. You cut funding for education programs. Rather than spend staff time and the department's budget on delisting which is way down the road, it would be a better use of the department's resources to focus on bringing wolf recovery throughout the state. 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.