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Wolves are a very important keystone species. I think by now almost everyone knows the story about Yellowstone natural park. The only thing from preventing wolves from going extinct or endangered is population regulation through conservational laws. That only happens when the species is still being protected. Just because they are doing OKAY now does not mean they will be when the bill removes them from the protection of conservational law. It's an ignorant decision to delist wolves as an endangered species just because the Cattle Association doesn't like their loss of monetary wealth (those farmers can invest in ecologically integral means of protecting their livestock). 77 is not a large population, if anything were to happen that whipped out any number of those wolves, what would bring them back? Besides the point, there are far more than 77 humans in Oregon, what's the difference between allowing someone to kill a wolf and allowing them to kill a human? Wolves are better than us to the planet; better for biodiversity; better for biomass. Why do we value our own species so highly above wolves. Anthropocentric values are going to be the death of this planet, and part of that is this bill. Toss it out.