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Thank you for taking the time to comment on the proposed rule change to the Columbian White-tailed Deer and support for downlisting the species to Threatened in WA. We also agree that there are still significant challenges around habitat, connectivity, and managing for multiple species recovery. A downlisting does not change our commitment to working on those challenges and they will continue to be a priority for the Wildlife Diversity Division as we work on the recovery of this species. Thank you again for your comments and I look forward to continuing to partner with Conservation Northwest on Columbian White-tailed Deer and other Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

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