

Wolf Post-Recovery Plan Scoping

Please give us your comments!



The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is inviting the public to comment on the scope of a post-recovery plan for wolves in Washington. Scoping helps us identify reasonable actions, alternatives, and impacts to be discussed in the plan. Scoping improves decisions and encourages collaboration, cooperation, and early resolution of potential conflicts. It is intended to narrow the focus of the plan to the relevant issues. **The public scoping comment period for this process is open from August 1, 2019 through November 15, 2019.**

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Comments on the scope of the post-recovery wolf conservation and management plan:

The conflict between conservationists & ranchers can be solved by implementing a Livestock Guarding Dog program - LGD. This program has been successful in Namibia and parts of the US in the last 25 years - CCF = Cheetah Conservation Fund with Dr. Laurie Marker. Studies have shown that participating farmers using a LGD experienced significant decreases in livestock loss due to predation. There are three breeds that can be used. CCF uses the Anatolian Shepherd. It has a long history of guarding livestock. It is important that all people involved need to engage directly within the community in order to build trust with all participating parties. The dogs are trained before given to the ranchers. Reports and studies have shown that once the LGD program is implemented there is a 80-100% reduction in livestock losses. The LGD are good for all types of predators. Please check the Mail to: CCF website for more in depth detail on this program.

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