

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 1, 2019.**

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

A prey based plan needs to be used to manage wolf numbers. We live in GMU 105 where we have about 20 cougars. Undulant populations have been greatly reduced in this area over the last 10 years. Based on 50 white tail deer equivalent, WTDE, prey per year per cougar we are looking at 1000 WTDE mortality per year in GMU 105, just from cougars, which is 3 to 4 times the legal harvest by humans. Add to this 4 wolves each requiring 50 WTDE and the predator induced mortality of 1200 WTDE is expected. If all human impacts are added, legal hunting, dogs at large, vehicle collisions and fencing deaths, etc. and the total mortality divided by the land are of the GMU and a required density of 7 WTDE per square mile, plus or minus .5 is required for a stable population. This is assuming a fawn to doe ratio at 6 months of 1 to 1. At 12 months a ratio of .2 to 1 must be maintained. If an adequate prey base is not present the wolf pack with ether leave the area or turn to domestic animals to fulfill its energy requirements.

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