

Dear Ms. Wood,

I wanted to offer my opinion, with a brief over-view, on how to best manage Washington's wolf populations.

First, I believe that people that raise livestock must have an on-going way to report wolf issues and receive compensation for losses as the existence of wolves can be a detriment to their livelihood.

Second, I believe WDFW should oversee the reporting of livestock losses and the management of hunts to resolve the localized issue with a particular wolf pack. To avoid excessive burden on the taxpayers, I recommend funding the expense of a part time WDFW employee and compensation for loss of livestock via the sale of wolf tags to be issued on an as needed basis by the WDFW, for a particular area.

WDFW would issue the tags to qualified applicant hunters from the public. WDFW would also provide online certification/training to potential wolf hunters or establish a trained guide program specifically for safe wolf removal hunts. Note: Trained guides are required in some states for hunting game animals. As part of a wolf tag sale, WDFW would put the qualified hunter or guide in contact with the livestock owner who experienced the loss for proper hunt coordination. In the event that the person suffering the livestock loss did not want hunting on their property, a trapper would be referred to them. This trapper would also purchase their wolf tag via WDFW.

On a side note, I did not provide my input in your online comment form specifically because the radical nature of some of the "anti-hunting", claimed conservationist, who would obtain the publicly available information of individuals for harassment purposes. Your data acquisition methods should account for this in the future if you truly want all of the public input, as stated on your website.

Thanks for your time,

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