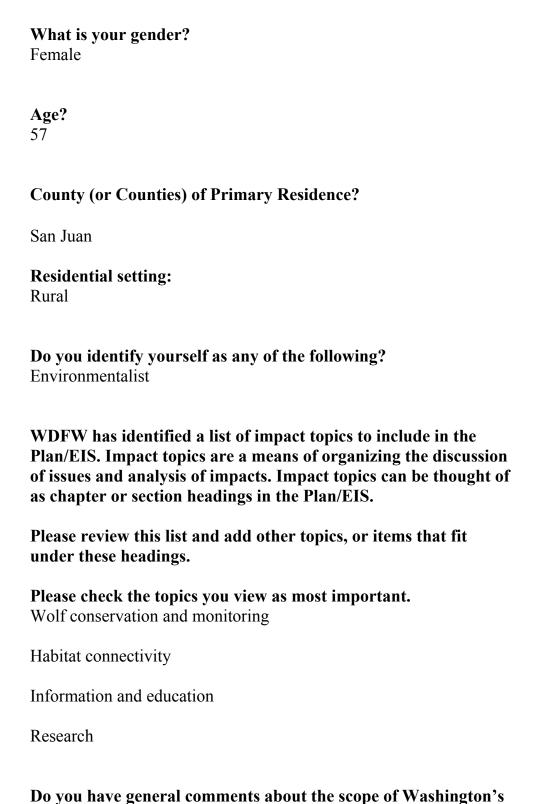
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updated wolf conservation and management plan?

I am concerned by the state's rush to delist wolves and develop a "post-recovery" wolf plan, especially in light of the WA Department of Fish and Wildlife's pattern of wolf killing in the same area of prime wolf habitat in the Kettle Range.

I recommend that the state not rush to delist, focusing instead on restoring public trust, relying on the best available science and implementing effective non-lethal alternatives to alleviate wolf-livestock conflicts. The state should also work with federal land management agencies like the US Forest Service to reevaluate grazing allotments in prime wolf habitat – a crucial way to reduce a pattern of ongoing conflicts and wolf killings.

Please make sure the new wolf plan puts science first and ends this cycle of senseless lethal removals.