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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

63

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Clark County

Residential setting:

Suburban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

WDFW has identified a list of impact topics to include in the Plan/EIS. Impact topics are a means of organizing the discussion of issues and analysis of impacts. Impact topics can be thought of as chapter or section headings in the Plan/EIS.

Please review this list and add other topics, or items that fit under these headings.

Please check the topics you view as most important.

Wolf conservation and monitoring

Wolf classification/status

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf hunting

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Research

Do you have general comments about the scope of Washington's updated wolf conservation and management plan?

I am very concerned that no matter the plan ranchers and livestock holders have more say than science and common sense and that the ranching community is not held to any standards for their part in wolf and livestock encounters. Why don't ranchers use guard dogs for their livestock like successful countries around the globe? Why are their concerns rated higher than the concerns surrounding saving a species, especially one that is instrumental in keeping a balanced eco-system intact? Why is WDFW so eager to annihilate this entire species? No one answers or addresses these very clear concerns from the wildlife welfare fans but instead focus is on the needs of ranchers who are fully reimbursed for any wildlife predation they claim in wolf country and are not taking precautions to head off predation even while grazing their animals for free on public lands. This whole debate is upside down. The WDFW should not be helping ranchers at the expense of wildlife, ranchers are making the money from livestock not the public or the WDFW.