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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

61

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Spokane County

Residential setting:

Rural

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 management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Translocation

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals, objectives, strategies, and tasks

Costs and funding priorities

Economic analysis

Please list other topics here. The next page provides space for general comments on the scope of the plan.

wolf cognition, social learning and relationships; ethical and moral implications. you devalue these categories by lumping it under information and education

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

I read the 10/1/19 article in the Spokesman-Review and have been following this topic for a few years. Contrary to Rep Kretz opinion, many residents of Eastern Washington disagree with the WDFW practice of killing wolves. Especially, when these packs are being killed mostly because of one rancher's failure to collaborate. Something I have read from more than one source. However, for more detailed information I recommend reading the Guest Opinion, Washington's wolf wars can easily be prevented by Robert Wielgus, Spokesman-Review 11/8/2018.

If a rancher fails to follow guidelines regarding non lethal deterrents or is found to purposely bait wolves (ie put salt licks near known dens); then, all of that rancher's cattle should immediately be removed from public lands. If said rancher does not have private land to relocate the cattle to, then the cattle should be sold. And, the offending rancher should not receive any reimbursement for cattle loss on public lands.

This is a compromise on my part, because my personal belief is that cattle to do not belong on public lands, period. How dare you

remove or kill wild animals from public land for the profit of specific individuals. I am surrounded by cattle who graze on private land, so I know it can be done. And, these are the people who, if following guidelines should receive loss reimbursement.

Also, there are moral considerations. My understanding is that conservation practices focus on species or group survival; however, I believe the rights of the individual must be accounted for. Research has shown that wolves: feel pain; are self aware; have greater social intelligence than dogs; are better problem solvers than dogs; wolves share their food; and, learn from each other. It is imperative that we treat them with compassion and respect.

I fear Inslee has done too little, too late, and will definitely keep that in mind come the next election.

Please protect the remaining pacts.