

Clinton Myers

**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

38

**County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?**

Pierce

**Residential setting:**

Suburban

**Do you identify yourself as any of the following?**

Hunter

Outdoor Recreationist

**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 classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Costs and funding priorities

Economic analysis

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

Here are a few things that WDFW should take into consideration:

1. Well managed wolf hunting seasons in surrounding states has not resulted in any conservation concerns for the species. Most of these nearby states have very liberal hunting seasons (long seasons, multiple tags).
2. Public hunting increases support and social tolerance for wolf management and conservation in communities and constituencies most affected by wolf recovery.
3. Wolves should be managed as game animals just the same as other large predators in WA state (e.g., bears and cougars) which are currently thriving.
4. Public hunting of wolves provides another tool for wildlife managers to address areas where wolves are a limiting factor to other species.
5. Public hunting of wolves will provide additional revenue for responsible wolf management and conservation.
6. If the ungulate populations continue to struggle, then many hunters will leave the sport cutting the amount of revenue WDFW receives to manage game.
7. With unmanaged wolf populations, the entire ecosystem has already begun to change with way to much pressure on ungulates.
8. The next generation of hunters and outdoorsmen will not be there. We won't be able get kids interested because the opportunities go away due to an over population of predators.
9. It's simple, if the predators continue driving the ungulate populations down while predators populations are at or near all time highs then the management template is broken and we pay with the loss of opportunity.
10. If the predators don't start been managed for the health of the ungulate populations and not the predator populations, then this will be the death of hunting in Washington state.