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**What is your gender?**

Female

**Age?**

30

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

Steven's 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-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

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

As a resident of Steven's County in rural North East Washington, I do not agree with the killing of the wolves. It is my belief that the wolves are an important part of our society, not only ecologically but culturally also. There has to be protection for the wolves from ranchers and the corruption in politics. When ranchers utilize public lands they are making the choice to put their own livestock at risk as there are multiple other solutions and methods of raising livestock that doesn't affect the wolves habitat. There are a lot less options for protecting the wolves and the "shoot first ask questions later" approach doesn't really help ranchers or wolves in the long run. It is my belief that a better solution would be to restrict the ranchers' use of public lands for grazing so the wolves are less likely to go after their herds. Perhaps some tax or subsidies could be made available to ranchers not only for compensation of lost live stock but to help secure their livestock in restricted public areas, such as hiring employees or livestock guardian dogs to protect the herds. Thank you for taking my comment.