

Katherine Nelson

What is your gender?

Female

Age?

51

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

King

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

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Do you have general comments about the scope of Washington's 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.