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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

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Residential setting:

Urban

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

Habitat connectivity

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

Wolves are apex predators, and are key to maintaining the health of their/our ecosystems.

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

I am deeply 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 disturbing pattern of senseless 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 re-evaluate grazing allotments in prime wolf habitat – a crucial way to reduce a pattern of ongoing conflicts and wolf killings.

Wolves are at the top of their food chain, creating stability among the species they prey on and maintaining the health of plants and animals right down the trophic ladder. They must be protected and allowed to thrive in our great state.