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**What is your gender?**

Female

**Age?**

68

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

Snohomish

**Residential setting:**

Suburban

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

Environmentalist

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 conservation and monitoring

Wolf classification/status

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

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

Wolves are essential for the health and balance of nature in the forests and other wilderness areas.

When us wildlife lovers vacation, deer can be seen everywhere, but how often do we get a chance to see a wolf? It was so exciting to have them return to Washington state. Please protect them. The fact that deer, rabbits and mice are plentiful means there is plenty of food for the wolves. They do not need to eat livestock. There are better ways to prevent wolves from killing livestock than killing the wolves.

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.