

David Lund

What is your gender?

Male

Age?

45

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Kitsap

Residential setting:

Rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Hunter

Livestock Producer

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-human interactions

Costs and funding priorities

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

At the end of the day people and their livelihood needs to be priority number 1. As a eagle scout, scout master, father and outdoor recreationalist, I spend a lot of time in the wild lands of our state. One of the comforts of the Olympics is no wolves or grizzlies, it is a relatively safe place to camp and take people to have a good time. Reading many of the encounters with wolves on the eastside of the state makes me dread the day wolves populate the Olympics and change the way I live my life. As a guy who grew up on a farm and still raise animals in my adult life the issues of wolf and rancher conflict is a crazy reality to me. It has always been legal to protect yourself, family and livestock. These wolves are not endangered and have proven for centuries that they will survive and flourish even with human control measures. The over-protection these have above the livelihood of our states cattlemen is nuts to me. I also plan to retire to the north eastern area of Washington and these wolves will be in my yard, this is real to me and management needs to be the primary focus. I would give up deer and elk hunting if the populations of those species continue to plunge, with coyotes, bears and cougars we are seeing devastation of our herds. Adding wolves is exponentially increasing the decline of our herds. I see a fraction of the deer I used to all over eastern Washington. We have owned property in Okanogan for almost 40 years and it is a shame what has and continues to happen to our deer herds.