

Andy Studebaker

What is your gender?

Male

Age?

67

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Ferry

Residential setting:

Rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

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

I would like wolves to be DELISTED as endangered. I have followed closely the "conflict issue" between ranchers and wolves for 32 years, and also the extreme environmentalists' curious position on this issue. They state that we are "wolf haters" but truth is, they have become haters of Ranching, and livestock, two important economic traditions in the American west. One of the most prominent Enviro. leaders has NO degree in wildlife biology yet he serves on the wolf recovery committees, writes for newspapers. When I moved here in 1986 the Enviros were all excited about demanding more "wilderness," but now they have changed that. Washington is our smallest western state with exploding population. We do NOT need a wolf population like they have in the northern rockies, we cannot afford the conflicts. Wolves in the Pasayten or Mt Adams? Fine.

I personally don't object to wolves, one showed up at my neighbors' the other day, I don't raise cattle, no animals bother us at all except the bear who ate my plum tree, and the packrat who stole the spring off my swing set!