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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

22

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Stevens

Residential setting:

Rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Hunter

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 management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf hunting

Land management

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

The plan for the state of Washington is absolutely ridiculous. You can not "manage" the states wildlife when you have a broad plan for the entire state and only a problem in a portion of it. The state should have a East and West game department, because the Western side of Washington should not have a control of what is going on in the Eastern GMU's. Along with this, Eastern WA shouldn't have any effect on the Western GMU's, which frankly you never hear eastern residents complaing about west side management. When you go to buy an elk tag in Washington, what is one of the first questions they ask you? Eastern or Western! Only makes sense to have game departments that only have jurisdiction in these areas, and should only take input from the people that it affects in this area. The wolves need to be managed, plain and simple. How the game department is not able to look at Montana and Idaho and realize this is beyond baffling and ignorant. Too much politics in their management. They are completely ruining the one thing that actually keeps them in business. Or as Guy Eastman says in his article the Predator Death Spiral, the game department will end up "slitting their own throats" because they are killing off the one thing that keeps them in business and gives the the necessary money to function. The "try again next year" mentality, and the constant push to reintroduce super predators with no hope for the ungulates makes no sense at all. That is why everyone is looking to hunt out of state now. And heads up game department, raising your fees every year is not going to combat the terrible population #'s, especially in moose in Eastern Washington whose populations have been hit the hardest from the wolves... oh ya, and the game department DOUBLED almost all tags for moose when they split the seasons into 2, one month long hunts??? Makes no sense at all!! Start looking out for the ungulates instead of the states precious predators.. start hunting wolves so they actually show some fear, bring back the hounds for cougars, and we might actually be able to do something.. allowing 2 bears to be taken was a good step, but not when the majority of the problem is wolves and cougars.