

Carol Payne

What is your gender?

Female

Age?

69

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Ferry

Residential setting:

Rural

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 management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Translocation

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

Animal Rights and Balance for Restoration of Natural Habit

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

I am heartsick of hearing about the rights of cattle ranchers, hunters or others to eliminate what they call predators that affect their bottom line, and that they believe it is their manifest destiny to kill anything on their list for trophy, sport or profit. Wolves are an integral part of the ecosystem and we desperately need them to restore the natural balance. They keep the wild populations healthier by culling out the weaker animals which is Mother Nature's way of assuring a robust future for all wildlife. The killing of live stock is a rare occurrence and could easily be prevented by other safer and proven means. If need be the ranchers could be compensated for losses they sustained if proven. These animals live in family packs and shy away from interactions with humans and pose no threat. The days of open free range grazing are drawing to a close because this method has been proven to pose more of a danger through pollution of streams and water ways and damage to the ecology than any wolf population ever could. Wolves have been maligned for generations and it's high time we as a society evolve with what science has proven to be the right thing to do and that is restore them to live in

this area and not continue to have these cruel and merciless hunts and aerial shootings to kill whole packs including mothers and pups. There are highly proven and successful methods that have been implemented in many areas to protect herds and flocks from being attacked and we should insist the targeting of these beautiful animals be stopped immediately and if there is a trouble with too many wolves in one location, then a program of resettlement should be drawn up and it should be done using humane practices. I would like to see an immediate end to the targeting of wolves and a moratorium on poisoning or shooting them and deal with nature and the wild as if it were an integral part of life and not a threat to humanity. As for declines in the deer population, you might want to consider imposing a smaller limit to issuing tags for bucks since in the 15 years I've lived in the Colville National Forest I have noticed a steady decline in population and I know the males are just not here in numbers like they used to be. They need time and protection from hunters to re-establish. Same thing holds true for coyotes, by the way. Thank you for your time and consideration of my views.