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**What is your gender?**

Female

**Age?**

41

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

Thurston

**Residential setting:**

Rural

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

Environmentalist

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 conservation and monitoring

Wolf classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Translocation

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

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

Wolves are a natural piece of the environment. They should remain safe from endangerment, however, livestock owners should have the right to kill wolves for the protection of their own animals. Wolf hunting for the purpose of trophies or other recreation should be illegal. We have the responsibility to track and monitor wolves, much as we track salmon numbers or elk herds. We as humans also have to take responsibility for our own safety in the outdoors; we carry bear spray, we carry firearms against cougars, so should education on the safety against wolves be a part of knowing the environment around us. Acceptance of natural predators is important with proper precautions taken and the right to defend ourselves and our livestock.