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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

65

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Stevens

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

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

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

I appreciate the information you have provided. As a scientist (physician) looking at the graphs and recovery numbers you have provided, I conclude that wolves are in the process of recovery, not in a post-recovery phase. The numbers from the last 3 years have leveled out or decreased, depending upon which you look at, and it appears to me that ongoing efforts to recover the population are required. To move into a management phase that might allow further killing of individuals or entire packs, and to consider allowing the hunting of wolves at this point would be incredibly premature. I applaud the work that has already been done and as a resident of Eastern Washington I am proud that our area has provided a home for returning wolves, but this work is far from done. Please DO NOT move into a post-recovery phase before the wolves have actually recovered!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

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