

Brian Izdepski

**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

62

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

Chelan

**Residential setting:**

Suburban

**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-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Information and education

Research

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

I do not want wolves reintroduced. I am a solo hiker and recreationalist and don't want to carry a gun. I am actually off Road and gunless for several weeks of time over the year. I mostly run, hike, fish, and back country ski. I do not hunt and am not a redneck, but a liberal Dad who's lived in Seattle most of his life.

I understand the danger I face from black bears, cougars, and just being alone in the woods and have always accepted it. I do not accept bringing back wolves and Grizzly Bears. I think there would be few people who do what I do that want this happening. It's easy to sit around Seattle and Bainbridge Island and romanticize about how cool it would be to have wolves roaming the wilderness again. When you are the first guy up a remote Canyon in the Teanaway and you see canine prints that have followed you, you feel a bit different. That morning I had already seen a mama bear with a cub, and Cougar tracks on a snow covered logging road. I am not a scared person - but I do have my limits. My Canadian friends know the dangers of living with wolves and don't act like they are safe...The lack of serious encounters is mostly because the wolf has been driven out - and encounters are rare. If this program is successful and there are more and more human wolf encounters there will be injuries and deaths - and everyone will blame those who think reintroduction is cool....Abe also been with my wife and young daughter in Canada and had a pack "bark howling" around us. My daughter is now a grown up working as an ecologist. She too is totally against reintroduction.