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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

29

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

United States

Residential setting:

Other

Split time Urban and 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-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

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

Wolves and other apex predators are vital to maintaining functioning ecosystems. As the "smartest" species on the planet, it is incumbent upon us to figure out how to thrive along side other species, and protect them, not destroy them. It is a moral imperative. To do anything less than everything in our power to coexist with and enable wolves to thrive in the modern era is an indication of both cowardice and stupidity.

I grew up in the middle of timber country. We had many animals: horses, rabbits, donkeys, goats, dogs, and cats. There were no wolves in our area, but we had many MANY coyotes. When I was young we lost several cats and rabbits to coyotes. You know what we didn't do? kill the coyotes. We adjusted our routines: we brought all the small animals in at dusk. We elevated the rabbit hutches off the ground. Was it more work? sure. but we didn't lose any more animals to coyotes after that, and comparatively it was a small price to pay, and we didn't have to murder any animals for following their instincts.

So, maybe put in some effort before you admit that you are more stupid than a wolf and just need to shoot it because you can't be bothered to use your big primate brain.