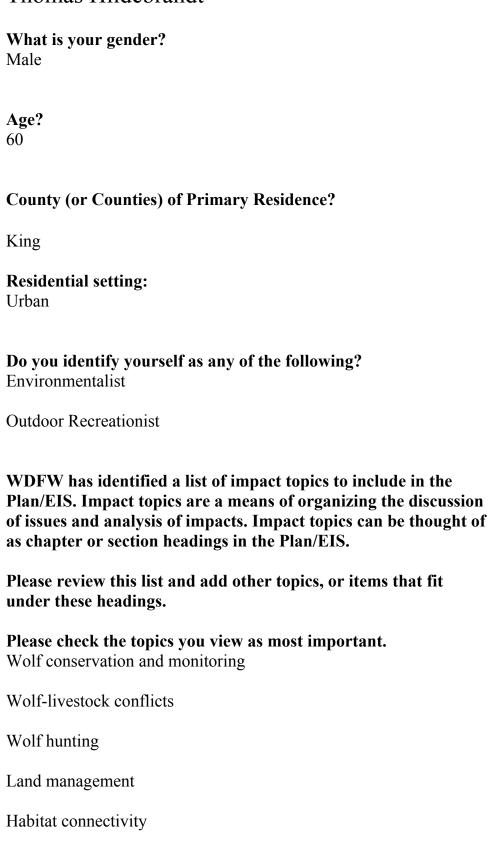
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Wolf predation and game herd management; domestic grazing impacts.

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

Successful management of wolf populations includes the management of wild herds to support them. A comprehensive wolf management plan is also a comprehensive wildlife management plan -- one that allows wild herds and wolves to remain in appropriate balance. Herd and pack sizes must be monitored -- and hunting licenses issued so as to maintain that balance.

Such a plan must also recognize that domestic grazing puts pressure on prey species. Due to these impacts, less big game will be available and a smaller number of wolves can be supported in inverse proportion to the extent of domestic grazing.

In scoping a post recovery management plan, the interactions of wolves, wild herds and domestic herds must be considered together.