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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

60

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

King

Residential setting:

Urban

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf hunting

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Please list other topics here. The next page provides space for general comments on the scope of the plan.

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.