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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

65

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Clark

Residential setting:

Suburban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

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

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

My biggest concern involves wolf recovery in Washington State. Since we have not met our 2011 recovery goal for wolves, why are we considering de-listing them? Wolves and other wildlife are important to me and crucial to America's heritage. Over the past 40 years wolves have been returning and recovering in places like the Rocky Mountains, Great lakes, and the West Coast. Wolves and ranchers need to learn to live together by using non-lethal methods of discouraging wolves. In states like Idaho ranchers are effectively using such nonlethal strategies as dogs, noise, flashing lights, as well as staying with their herds and grazing sheep away from where wolves are living. As a result lethal methods are not needed to manage wolf populations. Northeastern Washington ranchers are using lethal methods instead of nonlethal methods and wolf packs are being decimated. This is outrageous! I strongly urge you to show your leadership and do everything in your power to stop these unnecessary killings of wolves.