

Norman Pillen

**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

58

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

Stevens

**Residential setting:**

Rural

**Do you identify yourself as any of the following?**

Environmentalist

Hunter

Livestock Producer

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 management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

One of the consequences of the Wolf re-introduction is increasing cougar incidents. As a 20 year resident of the area, land owner, livestock owner, pet owner, Grandfather and hunter, this concerns me greatly. I believe Cougars are much more of a threat to humans and pets than wolves. As a hunter I have seen the deer population in the area greatly reduced over the last few years. With the addition of wolves as a top predator and in competition with the Cougars for the same food sources we are seeing a sharp increase in cougar sightings in the area as they widen their search for food, and in my estimation it's only a matter of time before someone gets mauled by a cat, likely someone's child due to their smaller size. I realize that there are inherent risks that come with the choice of living rurally but increasing those risks by intentional Wolf management decisions is in my opinion a great example of not thinking through the potential ramifications of those decisions.