

Steven Harper

What is your gender?

Male

Age?

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County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Whatcom

Residential setting:

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf-human interactions

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

I do not favor hunting as an approach to management as it has not shown to be an effective tool. Apex predators such as wolves tend to respond to hunting by increasing the number of young which has no appreciable effect on overall numbers.

I also believe that livestock grazing is not the highest and best use of our forest and range lands as the benefits are for very few and are very low in comparison to the benefits of a balanced ecosystem.