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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

61

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Cumberland

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 classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf hunting

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

Under wolf hunting, I would ask that it be halted until the species is viable in the wild. Presence of wolves in our eco systems reliably enhances the welfare of all species as a keystone, apex predator.

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

The current plan to eliminate entire packs based on livestock predation is misguided and must be reviewed. Wolf- predation on livestock is occurring due to the negligent practice of ranchers grazing in designated wolf habitat. The ranchers would be well served to graze in acreage that is not wolf habitat, to allow the species to recover to viable levels in the states. In addition, the existing predation guidelines that trigger lethal slaughter of entire packs is misguided and should be reviewed to include non lethal removal of grazing livestock, rather than slaughtering entire packs. This intervention does not stand up to the straight faced test when it comes to wildlife management that is rooted in conservation and science based principles. The ranchers should not be permitted to determine policy or effectively be "running" the wildlife management program in Washington State.