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**What is your gender?**

Female

**Age?**

54

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

King

**Residential setting:**

Suburban

**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

Wolf hunting

Translocation

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

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

While Washington is fairly progressive in large carnivore management overall, too many wolves are being killed by the state. Too much weight is given to individual livestock owner concerns without trying to find alternatives to potential conflict, including removing livestock from specific lands, requiring a wider base of information before eliminating wolves, and working for more middle ground and agreement between all stakeholders.

Habitat connectivity is vital for species conservation overall and I strongly support it as part of the state's overall conservation and land management strategy. But it also offers opportunities to remove wolf/human conflicts and spark creative thinking about how wolves can be managed with less conflict.

Wolves are a natural and vital part of Washington state's lands and ecosystems. We need to improve how we live alongside them and manage our presence in their world.