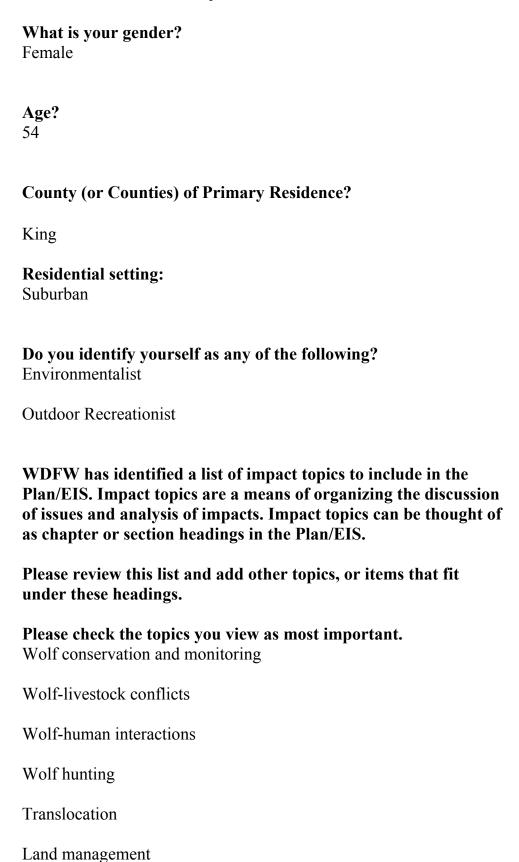
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Do you have general comments about the scope of Washington's updated wolf conservation and management plan?

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.