

Judah Jamison

**What is your gender?**

Male

**Age?**

42

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

Thurston

**Residential setting:**

Suburban

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

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 hunting

Translocation

Land management

Habitat connectivity

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

Being from a farm family I understand the great pressures producers face, and I can imagine the frustration felt after depredations. However, I would like to see other non-lethal options for habitually depredating packs. There are plenty of open habitats in Washington where depredating wolves could be moved that have fewer potentials for conflict. I would like to see this option explored.

I do not wish to ever see a hunting season for wolves. They should be allowed to rebound to their natural numbers - which they themselves will regulate according to habitat and game availability. Apex predators make many humans feel uncomfortable, but they are important parts of healthy ecosystems and we must show respect. We need to educate the public on the anthropocentric slaughter that removed wolves in the first place and help the public understand the benefits of this maligned species.

It is difficult to ask people to change their traditions, and that can only be approached with great respect. We have prioritized human uses of land and resources to an extent that endangers all species - including our own. Only respectful education can change attitudes, and that will be essential for wolves to flourish in Washington.