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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

44

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

Habitat connectivity

Research

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

I am concerned by the state's rush to de-list wolves and to develop a "post-recovery" wolf plan. Wolves have not fully recovered, and are precariously poised to thrive or fail based on the actions of man and the way that our agencies manage them. Of particular concern is the Department of Fish and Wildlife's pattern of killing wolves in the same area of prime wolf habitat in the Kettle Range, which is absolutely and unequivocally unacceptable.

I recommend that the state preserve wolves' protected status, and devise plans to manage and preserve wolves based on the best available science and non-lethal means to alleviate wolf-livestock conflicts. The state should also work with federal land management agencies like the US Forest Service to reevaluate grazing allotments in prime wolf habitat, as just this step would greatly reduce an ongoing pattern of conflicts as wolves have prey dangled in front of them.