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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

63

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

king county

Residential setting:

Urban

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-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Costs and funding priorities

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

I am very concerned about the extreme reduction in the population of ungulates. It will take many years for the herds to regain their numbers. This will never happen if the wolves are allowed to exist in their (ungulates) habitats.

In the meantime, there won't be any reason to purchase a hunting license or put in for special permits, when there aren't animals to hunt. The effect of that on the WDFW could be critical. This would, also, affect all the businesses (large and small) that are supported by people viewing and/or hunting.

We spend a lot of time in the forest, wilderness area, and rural areas in our state. The lack of ungulates is very noticeable. January 2015 five of us were coming back from snowmobiling and five feet in front of our vehicle two does were being chased by two wolves. The fear in the eyes of the does is unforgettable!

If nothing is done to handle this situation, (wolves) I fear that future generations will not be able to enjoy ungulates out in nature. Nor will the family tradition of hunting them be able to be passed on.