

Cole Caldwell

What is your gender?

Male

Age?

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County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Thurston

Residential setting:

Urban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

Hunter

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

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Costs and funding priorities

Economic analysis

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

Yes. All WDFW actions that take place on public land should be evaluated very critically. Likewise, any action that directly or indirectly impacts wolves or any species that they interact with should be noted and weighed against the human-livestock conflict spectrum. All alternative actions should emphasize putting the burden of responsibility on those effected, when and if they are non-cooperative (in any way). For example, any producer who chooses to not adopt improved husbandry practices within a 5, 10, and 20 year period should not be compensated for loss and not be allowed to kill a wolf or wolves associated with livestock injury or mortality events. Additionally, any livestock producer who utilizes public land should also not be eligible for any form of assistance from the State of WA. WDFW must produce a scientific-based and concise report on ALL and ANY impacts related to long-term wolf conservation and management, including but not limited to: ungulate population management, hunting harvest impacts (prey species, other carnivores (meso and large, paying attention to trophic interactions that impact the keystone species, and wolves), recreational impacts (behavioral, breeding, pup rearing, and general), impacts of timber harvest at or a wolf den site, habitat loss and fragmentation, county and state zoning restrictions and related impacts (direct and indirect on wolves and their prey/other associated species), 5, 10, and 20 year population dynamics (compared via third party collaborative research against updated model structures as new and best available science is improved over time), impacts of WDFW additive harvest on prey species during spring, fall, and after harsh winters, and emphasize how, if, and when any lethal removal operations may impact the species richness and abundance of any and all associated species with Gray Wolves, pack behavior, and population viability (with particular emphasis on

genetic impacts) at the local AND statewide scale for future enjoyment and use.