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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

55

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Lewis

Residential setting:

Rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Hunter

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-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf hunting

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

The Wolf Post Delisting Planning process being undertaken is a political joke! Rather than be based on sound, proven, conservation for ALL affected mammals (canine, feline, livestock, ungulate, and human) the current approach panders to one emotional portion of the human stake holders and is resulting in single-species management, to the detriment of all other species stake holders; prey and human. A WA Wolf Post Delisting Plan must balance the impact on ALL species based on sound conservation principals.

We are fortunate to have neighboring states (Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho) that have already addressed the non-endangered wolf scenarios. Learning from their experiences and successes is paramount. Not doing so is idiocy. Same wolves! Arbitrary manmade boundaries!

Wolf, as with all wildlife, should be managed based on sound science and accurate data, not from emotional, knee-jerk reactions. Hunting and trapping are proven conservation management techniques, and this has again been successfully shown in our neighboring states – with no subsequent danger of being returned to endangered, or even threatened, status.

The WA DFW Commission has an established process with The Game Management Plan and the Three-Year Hunting Season Setting Process whereby the public is allowed, and encouraged, to comment. This process includes a stage; "After public comment, department staff will develop recommendations for consideration by the Fish and Wildlife Commission. These recommendations will be based on the biological needs of a species"

In order to establish that accurate data, WA DFW uses a three-year data collection and analysis cycle. We are fortunate to have more than three years of intense wolf data collection in advance of delisting. This data makes including wolf in the Game Management Plan straightforward.

Including wolves in the Three-Year Hunting Plan after delisting simply provides the means to scientifically manage wolves in WA in congruence with all other species. Per the definition of this plan, these wolves will not be endangered, will not be threatened, and as confirmed by WA DFW's own research and historical trends in neighboring states — will continue growing and expanding, even

with managed hunting and trapping – to the benefit of ALL affected species; human and animal.

Washington has an established process for managing wildlife; including The Game Management Plan and the Three-Year Hunting Season Setting Process. All of the state's big game animals' harvest objectives, and subsequent quotas, are part of this 3-yr process, based on scientific practices with appropriate time to attain meaningful data. Wolf management, as singled out by special interests for emotional reasons, should not be, or need be, entertained any differently.

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