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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

33

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Thurston

Residential setting:

Suburban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

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

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Please list other topics here. The next page provides space for general comments on the scope of the plan.

Species Sustainability

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

Understanding that wolves can be an integral part of a sustainable Washington ecosystem is important, but understanding that that ecosystem is already made up of flora and fauna that are highly managed and regulated is also a factor. I am not against wolves populating the state, and providing the species protection when necessary to sustain population, but we as a state must be open to managing that species and how it interacts with all other species, humans included. It seems a distant exaduration, but look to Nevada and Utah's issues with "wild horses". Federal protections have made them unmanageable and their numbers have had extremely detrimental effects on other populations. Wolves, though often held to a different standard, are no different than bighorn sheep, deer, coyotes, or even razor clams or wild mushrooms. They are a resource to be balanced and maintained for all to enjoy and utilize. Hunting is a management tool that in time should be considered. When research shows that populations have reached a healthy sustainable level, there should be no reason wolves wouldn't be reclassified to match the physical representation of their population. Additionally, once they've reached that state the Wsd fw should be allowed to utilize their management tools such as hunting and trapping for recreation should they deal the population healthy enough to sustain such activity.