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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

75

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Skagit County

Residential setting:

Suburban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

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-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Land management

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Reporting and evaluation

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

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

The current Protocol makes no sense. Needs to be redone by people who know wolves and livestock and then it needs a public and peer review. Same with the EIS - a peer review of each action item in alternatives. Must also find something better than the current Wolf Advisory Group. The 4 choices in the survey are not adequate: I am an environmentalist, an avid wildlife watcher and photographer, and a hiker and I enjoy camping. I find hunting unacceptable and very unsporting and unethical. Seems like hunters, if they have anywhere to hunt, it should be in proportion to their number in Washington State so it would be a very small part of the state. The rest of the state could then be enjoyed by the rest of us who want to see, watch and learn about wildlife without being afraid these animals will be shot, or we will be shot. I oppose lethal predator control because it usually is not successful long-term and usually is on public lands. I could understand a limited amount IF it was to protect animals on private land and the owner had done everything possible to protect his/her animals and had documented this to my satisfaction. I do not think any wolves should be killed on public lands for predator control. I hike in where both grizzly bears and wolves live (Montana) and I carry bear spray and so does my life and we know how to use it. I do not believe the recent killing of wolves because people were afraid justified. They killed an endangered species and should be held responsible. Same with ranchers killing wolves they see. It is well known that wolves travel far and wide and will roam through herds of wild ungulates and livestock without necessarily killing anything. Killing them because they are there is not justified. On public land this is really not okay. I believe the agency should be doing far more education of rural people especially on how to live with wolves safely and without conflicts. They seem to be very afraid of wildlife, esp. predators. Perhaps they should live in the city instead. They want to resolve conflicts with wildlife by shooting the animals. Seems like DFW thinks the same way - if it kills wolves for producers, the problem is solved - and this will increase social tolerance. I can't see that the ranchers or hunters are any more receptive to wolves than before DFW started shooting wolves. I think DFW's killing wolves just shows them that it is okay and justified and so why can't they, too. I live near DFW in Skagit County which is basic one big killing

field from fall through January so I cannot enjoy these areas for wildlife viewing and photography. This is very disappointing. We hear the gunfire from our home but don't use DFW property because of the hunting. It seems unfair that such a small minority of the people in my state have total say in how DFW lands are used and how animals are managed. I don't know anyone who likes to kill animals and most of us think it is a very cruel form of recreation. I also don't like visiting hunting areas during the off-season as at the potholes in eastern Washington because of the way the area is left by hunters. Basically I mostly leave this state to do most of my quality my wildlife watching. Yet I think I am part of the majority of residents who don't hunt or enjoy killing animals. I have never had much to do with DFW since it does not seem to have programs or areas designed for people like me. I'd be glad to pay for quality wildlife experiences if they existed in this state. I pay to visit state and national parks. When will DFW get over being our state fish and game club and think about how the people have changed over the years and are now interested in wildlife for different reasons. When I visit places like Yellowstone, I see thousands of people watching a coyote or a black bear or elk and they are fascinated and thrilled. Why can't we do this in our state? We have these animals. I would like to camp and hear wolves at night or when I am hiking, like I do in Yellowstone. I'd like to not have to drive a thousand miles to experience this.