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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

65

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

King

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

Wolf management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Translocation

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?

It appears to me that even though this plan is identified as a "post recovery" plan, it looks a lot like a delisting plan. In my opinion, wolves in Washington are not close to being "recovered". There are only an estimated 126 wolves in the state and last year the growth was only 3%. Also, the specific population/geographic requirements of the current Wolf Conservation and Management Plan are also not close to being met (only the Eastern Washington requirements have been met). Further, the population in Washington pales in comparison to Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Although my primary residence is in Seattle, I also have property/residence in Ferry County. I strongly urge WDFW to focus on wolf recovery rather than post-recovery at this time.