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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

37

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Spokane

Residential setting:

Rural

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 classification/status

Wolf management areas

Wolf-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf-human interactions

Wolf hunting

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Economic analysis

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

As an individual that spends a great deal of time in the outdoors, and growing up in Alaska, I have more experience than most when it comes to experience with wolves. I can say that I've encountered wolves in Whitman county while deer hunting, in Pend Orielle and Stevens county while archery elk hunting, and in Okanogan county while deer hunting. I find it extremely hard to imagine that the wolf population in Washington state hasn't been given the "recovered" status considering how often they are being encountered in the wild. There is no fool proof way of determining their population and I feel that the management of these prolific predators is going to begin once it is too late and their numbers are out of control.