

Sam Thompson

What is your gender?

Male

Age?

50

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Stevens

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf-ungulate interactions

Wolf interactions with other species

Wolf-human interactions

Habitat connectivity

Research

Reporting and evaluation

Costs and funding priorities

Economic analysis

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

Your policies have completely decimated the game on the east side of the State. Unfortunately you sit in your offices and do not see this first hand. I was born here and " us" sportsman/hunters have always balanced nature with the help of biologists through hunting. Now you take away hound hunting years ago. That was our tool to keep predators in check. Now you introduce wolf's again and we cannot manage them. We have always had wolf's here. Did you even know that? You can blame the lost of game on environmental factors all you want but the hard truth is you messed up starting 15 years ago. What do WE really need a wolf for? I understand in places like Yellowstone that does not allow hunting but this is NOT Yellowstone. Believe it or not some people actually rely on game meat for their families. Businesses rely on hunters for their money. Gas, food, hunting supplies, guns and clothing. This year it is a ghost town on the eastern side. I for one will be hunting another State next year as of a lot of my friends. Loss of revenue for you and your pet projects. Here is my opinion.

1 Go back to the idea that us hunters manage predator and game populations.

2. Let local biologist set quotas for hunting to get our numbers back up.

3 Keep politics and special interest groups out of it.

4 Bring back hound hunting if predator quotas are not met in general hunting seasons.

There has to be a balance that we create not predators.