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What is your gender?

Female

Age?

45

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Yamhill County

Residential setting:

Other

suburban near rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

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 hunting

Habitat connectivity

Information and education

Research

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

Like most wolf/canid management plans I have seen over the years, they exclude decisions based on actual science and the significance of wolf behavior and how negative impacts of humans on wolves alters the direction of their lives and growth rates. Mostly these "plans" seem to mostly just benefit hunters and ranchers. It's getting old and tired and very bothersome to those of us who see exactly what's going on and have a primary concern for the fair treatment of wolves and increasing their numbers into (and for) a healthy bio diverse ecosystem. Ranchers and hunters cannot provide this for the world. Wolves can. They are essential. They have sophisticated family units which when torn apart cause the negative impacts you don't want and negatively impacts their survival rates. If asked what do I want to see more of in a 100 years, its not ranchers or hunters. The earth actually needs less waste from cattle and hunters really don't need to kill wolves for any reason and the whole conservation idea that they like to throw around is not applicable in most situations. There is NO science backing the competition with wolves in ungulates. Hunters are cited more for causing decline than wolves. Ranchers need to be using non lethal method, all of them, and adhering to rules of not keeping sick and dead animals laying around and lethal methods should not be allowed at all. This is their business and they need to manage it as any other business owner, with actual solutions, not just a load, point, and shoot approach. The wolves belong to all of us and if they are feeding their cattle on public lands, well it shouldn't just be up to them. It should be up to all taxpayers. A lot of us feel powerless at the deep pockets of the industries at the end of all this and all we can see is government kowtowing to ranchers and hunters instead of preserving these amazing creatures that are so smart and dynamic and deserve every bit of protection, if not more, as the money makers and hobbyists who like to malign them. We need wolves more than they need us. They provide a wealth of free services to us in keep our ecosystems in check. Please continue to protect them. Listen to the science for a change,

Please!!!! And put their interests and the interests of the other public in mind along with just the two special interests group our wolf management plans seem to revolve around.