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Habitat connectivity

What is your gender? Female Age? 62 **County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?** Clark **Residential setting:** Suburban 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-livestock conflicts Wolf hunting Land management

Information and education

Research

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?

I know that wolves are an important part of the food chain where each species is a producer and a consumer, and is vital to the health of our ecosystem. Wolves, as well as all animals, insects, birds, reptiles and aquatic life are extremely important. People need to respect and take care of all wildlife and not allow destruction.

This is basically a question because ranchers have taken wolf habitat for their own financial gain. There must be solutions that protect wolves and other wildlife while mitigating the impact to ranchers. Ranchers, and subsequently consumers, need to take the most responsibility and accept the financial impact of protecting animal species and their habitat.