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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

73

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Sonoma

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-livestock conflicts

Wolf interactions with other species

Habitat connectivity

Research

Reporting and evaluation

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

As a rangeland property owner in Okanogan County until this year, I have followed this issue closely and am appalled by the degree to which WA DFW has killed an entire wolf pack as an accommodation some rancher who deliberately puts cows in close proximity to a wolf den. This state abdication to a single private interest, and to ranchers generally, is fundamentally wrong at a time when megapredators are in decline world.

WA should assist ranchers, farmers and rural residents generally in implementing nonlethal methods for managing conflicts with wildlife, rather than killing wolves that can serve a key role in maintaining healthy ecosystems by culling weak deer, limiting coyote populations and keeping ungulates from overgrazing riparian areas.