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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

57

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

Clark

Residential setting:

Urban

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

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

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

It's baffling that an organization that is tasked with maintaining wildlife and fish, continues to kill some of that wildlife because they have preyed on cattle that were on public land. If these events happened on private land, then the rancher should have the right to take the steps to protect his cattle, sheep, etc. There are several non-lethal means to do so, but most ranchers seem to want to take the easy way out and simply kill the wolves. Then the state steps in at the behest of the ranchers and decides to kill as many as an entire pack of wolves who are simply doing what their instincts drive them to do, survive. In my opinion, if a rancher wants to utilize public land for grazing, one of the hazards is the possibility that they will lose some livestock to wolves. Why were they (wolves) re-introduced if they were just going to then be killed when they eat an easy prey? Again, baffling. I suspect the ranchers have an organization behind them that contributes a lot of money to the state and that's what's driving this. Follow the money, as they say.