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What is your gender?

Male

Age?

24

County (or Counties) of Primary Residence?

USA

Residential setting:

Rural

Do you identify yourself as any of the following?

Environmentalist

Hunter

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

Land management

Information and education

Research

Goals objectives strategies and tasks

Costs and funding priorities

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

Wolves have only very recently made significant progress toward recovery in our state and are still a long way from occupying what's left of their former range.

They were gone for 70 years before that.

Their family groups were fragmented slowly, by poison, trophy hunting, and trapping for some 50 years leading up to their complete extirpation.

Now they are already on the verge of reentering the crosshairs of non-sustenance hunters' scopes.

Why does anyone view wolves as such mortal enemies? Perhaps because they are a people, too.

Wolves are the most socially oriented mammal after social primates and their family groups greatly resemble the behaviors of ours.

They rely on one another to survive the harshest elements that our winters have to offer. They discipline and teach their young, they care for their old, and they squabble with neighboring families sometimes, just like us.

They have their renegade youth, they have their stern aunts, their iron rulers, their jokesters, their Romeos and Juliets.

They are fascinating.

They deserve to thrive, just as we do. Our youth deserve to learn about them so that they can be better prepared to resolve the challenges that we are facing due to our uneducated decisions in the past.