

As a WUI resident I live in close proximity to coyotes and see or hear them almost daily (or nightly.) I have lost my fair share of animals to them (from cats to chickens and geese) but each case was a result of my own failure to keep my animals confined. The thought that people are hunting them in 'people packs' for pleasure and profit is totally out of step with our understanding of the important roles predators play in the environment. Look up 'Yellowstone and the reintroduction of wolves' as a recent example of removing a top predator and the resulting deleterious effects on the environment. Nature has a careful balance. Wantonly eliminating a species is fraught with unintended consequences. Amusement is a poor excuse for severing links in our interdependent web.