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As a passionate outdoorsman/guide who spends more days in the field than other hunters, i can say ive witnessed the declining number of mule deer every year while also noticing more cougar sign (tracks, kills, burials, and poop). I believe the dwindling population of mule deer is directly related to the rising number of cougars. Ive purchased a cougar tag every year for the last 10 years and i have never had the opportunity to harvest one. Even spending weekends in the winter trying to call them in and also setting up over a fresh cougar kill. Oregons mule deer need everything they can to get back to healthy numbers