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The ability to pursue cougars with dogs is in our county's best interest. It should also be in the state's best interest for some of the same reasons.

Pursuing with dogs creates a respect and deterrent to become too comfortable around domesticated dogs and humans. Many dogs per year are snatched by cougars and many right out of yards or on home porches.

Creating a respect for dogs might be beneficial to the state as wolf populations grow. Cougars will kill wolves and especially wolf pups. If the cougar population is too high, it will take longer to get wolf populations sustainable throughout the state.

Pursuing with dogs takes a burden of time and resources away from state or federal appointed trappers. If more local folks have the law on their side and the ability to pursue cougars, the right problem cougar will be caught more often.

Regards,

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