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The cougar population needs to be better managed. Unfortunately Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife has failed the citizens of the state. You should not be able to see cougars roaming around during the daytime and yet I can attest in Grant County I have seen one up by the hospital I have seen one chasing deer by where the fire department is located and I have seen one by the high school and I have seen one in Canyon City actually 2 in Canyon City. Our deer and Elk population has been decimated and Grant County as well as other more poor counties rely upon deer and Elk to subsidize our Winters due to the cold we have. Allowing our County to manage our local cougar population would be of great benefit to US citizens both in hopefully getting the deer and Elk population to increase again but also for our safety.