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I support this for several reasons. When odfw pays certain individuals to hunt down cougars and bears that are problematic or over populated, killing any of them regardless of male or female. Doesn't make more sense to have odfw monitor species, areas, that are issues, by licensed hunters to help resolve some of these issues. Odfw could be bringing in more revenue, as opposed to paying out large sums to hire out individuals to solve the issues for them. Hound hunters have, in my experience been the most conscious of rules and have given odfw a ton of information gathered during early pursuit seasons for odfw to make informed decisions on such matters. Deer and elk herds have obviously declined, cougars have played a part of that. If you spend any time out in the forests, you may have noticed cougars have been running in pairs. Two are better than one at being a successful predator. Time to rethink some past voter issues. This is worth giving a serious look, and let odfw manage.