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Predator management should be up to the county's to decide. As coastal Oregonians we have seen a major uptick in cougar sightings in and near town in the city limits. We live in Lincoln city and hunt/hike in the areas near town and have seen large declines in our local deer herds followed in the last year by a very strong cougar and bear population. We have seen at least 6 different cougars in our small area. Even using cellular cameras the cougars are hard to pattern. My wife has spent hundreds of hours calling and has been lucky to harvest 1 cougar. They are extremely difficult to hunt and very few intentionally target them. The aid of hounds would be a great tool to manage these animals and save livestock, pets and ungulates.