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I support making each county be capable of deciding whether to hunt cougars with dogs or not. Reasons for my support are that there has been a large increase in the Cougar population in the areas I hunt with corresponding decrease in big game populations. The decrease in big game populations result in fewer tags and licenses being sold with means reduced revenue for ODFW that benefits all wildlife as well as people. Another reason I support this measure is that Cougars have increased their predation on livestock as wildlife populations have decreased which negatively impacts ranchers.