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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

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Topic: SB769

I support measure SB 769. I have personally seen first hand the declining of deer, mainly, and other wildlife from mountain lions. My family has ranched in Harney county for several generations. My dad and grandfather talk about the huge deer herds that would winter down close to the ranch and the large bucks they would see. In 2016-2019 the government trapper was allowed to take 10 mountain lions out of the Steens mountain a year. After the first two years of removing lion, the deer heard start growing noticeably. Once the contract ended, it didn't take but a few years to start riding across lion kills again in the mountains and seeing less deer. I support this measure because I've seen first hand how tough lions are on the deer population.