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The practice of using dogs to hunt cougars is inhumane and threatens our domestic animals. Last year, a hunter and his dogs came on my property after shooting a cougar on the BLM land adjacent to my home. He came on my property illegally with a pack of uncontrolled hunting dogs and I had to run outside to grab my cat and get him to safety inside. I heard the dogs when they had previously treed the cougar on the BLM land and heard multiple gun shots fired. Obviously, the cougar did not die instantly, and current law was being broken. I am close to the border of Jacksonville and Josephine counties and fear that if some counties allow hunting with dogs that this inhumane practice will become more accepted and prevalent in adjacent counties where it remains illegal. The law as it is currently written should be enforced.