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Adam Stein here from Joseph Oregon, I support the bill 769 to be a decision of county wide . Our local cougar population is very high . I own property in the valley and also in the canyons. We have had cougars take the life of our family animals in the past. Typically a older cougar that cant hunt on his own anymore and trying to survive. With being able manage these cats with dogs we can eliminate this problem and maybe bring population back to manageable numbers . Only way to manage them is with the use of dogs. I am a Contractor , we build custom homes in the Wallowa Valley here . Numerous times we have had cougars walk down decks through our yards with etc. I have seen cougars many times in populated areas where we live and have pics and willing to share if you would like . When there is a problem the use of dogs is typically used by wildlife services to deal with the problem . This service can be tough due to there already super busy schedule and if it was legal it could be handled by others than only wildlife services also. I really think they are almost impossible to manage otherwise as we have seen population explode since they removed hounds in 1994. I truly think many things will benefit from this , ranchers, wildlife, and safety of the Oregon people .Plus it lets the county's people make the decision on the matter where some county's may not approve. Makes for a well balanced plan and everyone is happy.

Thank you for letting me voice my opinion on this matter ,
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