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as a farmer and forestland owner since 1987 near Crow Oregon, I oppose hunting cougars at all. Wildlife does not deserve any more killing off. since 1987 we kept sheep and Angora goats. They cropped the vegetation in our orchards and around the buildings - including eliminating non natives such as blackberries and poison oak on our property. They were part of our family and I consider myself their guard animal along with Jimmy our donkey. in the first year I did lose two to predation before they were put in a closed barn at night. All animal owners must be responsible for their practices to protect them. PERHAPS YOU ARE NOT AWARE THAT DOMESTIC DOGS ARE RESPOSIBLE FOR ATTACKING AND KILLING MORE SHEEP HERE THAN WILD CATS. WE HAVE HAD TO RUN DOWN DOGS TO SAVE OUR OWN ANIMALS. THIS FORCES US TO PROVIDE VET CARE AS WELL AS OUR OWN TIME TENDING WOUNDS. THIS IS WHY IT'S HOUNDS/HUMANS THAT ARE THE BIGGER PROBLEM.