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My name is Lyndsy Cottor. I am a 30 year resident of Gold Beach Oregon, here in Curry County. I would like to speak on behalf of my own findings and concerns. As a avid hunter and houndsmen here in Curry County, the population of mountain lions has skyrocketed the last 5 years it seems. We are catching multiple lions on cameras in many different locations over here. Most photos will be 3 to 4 lions per photo, per area. The lions have moved down into town following the deer as it seems we do not see many up in the mountains anymore. We have residents dogs and cats being killed in town, and have many sighting next to our elementary school. I have watched the deer and elk population diminish in the last a years, we know the lion population that has gotten out of hand has had a impact on this. Most of us hunters over here know how hard it is to hunt and take a lion without hounds. I feel if we could open up a season for hound hunting to pursue lions each year with a limit of 1 to 2 lions, that It would greatly help the management of lion numbers. We all buy lion tags, but rarely even fill them. I feel if you could use hounds again for a short season, these numbers would change. I hope that you think of Curry County and will open the use of dogs once again like we had many years ago.