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Wildfire

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Hello,

I would like to express my support for this bill as I was born and raised in the outdoors of eastern Oregon and I have seen the drastic down fall of the deer populations. As it all started in the early 1990's and we had a healthy deer population up till then. The winter or 1992-1993 was a bad winter with lots of winter kill and in 1994 the banning of cougar hunting with hounds went into effect. I went from never seeing a cougar or even a cougar track to frequently seeing cougar tracks anytime I spent time in the outdoors. As the deer population tried to rebound the cougar populations exploded and after another bad winter in 2007 the deer population have steadily been declining as the cougar populations keep exploding. As my conclusion the counties need to be able to control cougar populations with dogs or the deer numbers will keep going into a downward spiral.

Thank You

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