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In my 60 years of living and ranching in Curry County, I've never seen the amount of Cougar that there is now. Our local elk and deer population is dramatically reduced. One elk herd in my area starts off with 13-15 calves and by fall elk season there is only one or two calves left. This herd hasn't grown in 20 years but hunting is still open and the Cougar population has increased. Please allow a season for Cougar hunting with hounds to get the population back in balance. Thank you, Julie Scherbarth