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This is about the control of cougars but is also about the lack of rural communities to control their own destiny. Since the start of the the no dog hunting law in Oregon Wallowa county has seen a sever reduction of it deer population . These reduction are in direct correlation to the amount of predators we have. Deer and elk heard have moved in to the valley for protection from these predators. Certain things need to be handled and controlled by local communities when this measure was passed years ago it wasn't passed by my county we were not in favor but like most legislation it passed because of the huge response from the metro region those people didn't take into account the damage it would have on our community. Please allow local communities to make their own decision on how to handle issues like this. This could be a landmark bill allowing rural counties to govern themselves on some issues.

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