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I oppose allowing cougars to be hunted with dogs. I'm not opposed to hunting, but Oregonians have voted on this measure before and consistently have voted not to allow it statewide. Varying the rules county by county is confusing and will lead to violations in counties that don't allow it. Moreover, it will be virtually unenforceable in those counties that continue to ban the practice, with little consequence for violating it. Ask yourselves which is the greater harm-- setting the stage for violations in counties that don't approve exemptions so that some number of hunters can hunt with dogs? Or maintaining a consistent policy statewide, but causing some hunters to have to hunt without dogs? I think the latter is the greater harm.