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The truth is, people kill cougars for two reasons: Hunters want more deer and elk for themselves, and it's obviously big fun for them. But deer and elk populations are thriving throughout most of Oregon. As for the fun part, I guess it must be very enjoyable to sit in the safety of a vehicle while radio-collared dogs chase a terrified cougar up a tree. Then you can just saunter up to the tree and shoot the cat. Can you legislators focus on more humane and leave these majestic animals alone? Such pressure from these hunters and cattle farmers and you all just scurry. This comes up every session and Oregonians have voted. Please focus on things that help everyone and Oregon.