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Hello, my name is Tanner. I'm an business owner, dad, and outdoors man. I've been hunting in Oregon in sense I was 12,( I'm 27 now). I've heard and seen how much predation hurts our big game animals, and I think hunting with hounds can significantly help our big game species( mostly elk and deer.) Out in the woods, i hardly see any game. I can get 2 cougar tags and 3 bear tags(spring and fall) every year, but now I can't archery tag anymore because of the lack of big game(general season archery east side of the state). I hardly see cougars, ive only seen a few of them crossing the road while driving. Bears are also hard to find, even through both populations are higher than healthy numbers. It doesn't make sense why our deer and elk populations are continuing to fall and odfw doesn't change there stance and continues to make hunting harder( controlled hunts). I think the best way for killing bears and cats are with hounds, and trapping. If we were able to do both, and initiated a program to kill, coyotes, bears, cougars, and wolves we would see a quick recovery for our big game species. Look at the other states like Idaho, Arizona, and Utah who already have programs to protect there big game. Odfw would get more money for selling tags and licenses if they allowed more predator hunting , trapping, and allowing the use of hounds. We need to have open dialog with the individuals like myself who have knowledge on this topic because we spend lots of time out in woods. Thanks for taking the time to read this.