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On Behalf Of:

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Wildfire

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I support SB 769 . This would give the people who experience the effects of the spike of cougar numbers the ability to vote if we should be able to use hounds to hunt them depending on the county. With this tool we could recover the population of prey animals by giving the ability to properly manage cougars through hound hunting. When hound hunting was outlawed the prey animals all around oregon dropped and have since then have not met most if not all management populations set by ODFW. The ODFW biologists have already set quotas based on units all though out the state, this would not allow hound hunters to "over harvest" cougars as they are already managed properly by odfw. This wouldn't give hound hunters the ability to harvest as many cougars they want in an area but would give the county(the people who live there) the ability to choose weather those cougars in the area can be pursued with the use of hounds.

Respectfully,

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