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I strongly support counties voting to allow hunting for cougars with dogs. The reality is most of the people who voted to ban dogs do not live where cougars are most prevalent. They do not have to deal with cougars in a daily basis. Our mule deer numbers are at an all time low; giving counties the right to vote on cougar management gives the people who live around the cats the ability to decide how to manage them. Right now we simply do not have the tools to reliably harvest cougars and Oregon department of fish and wildlife is reluctant to do very much predator removal, even as mule deer herds dwindle to historic lows. I fully support allowing for cougar management with dogs in a county to county basis.