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Good evening, over the past few years the predator population has gotten out of hand in the Klamath county. The big game herds are getting worse, the deer are all in town and cougar sightings are getting more frequent in front yards of people's homes. Bears are ending up in the city limits. Being able to harvest 2 bears and cougars still doesn't do much for the problem. A cougar kills on average 1 deer a week, if you pull 20 lions out "for example " that's a bunch of deer and elk you saved.

Local ODFW Biologists should have control over their own sections for predator management. We need quotas for each area. Once the number is hit then shut it down for each animal, bears or lions. Biologists will monitor and if they have a problem animal they can call the vetted agents to attempt to catch it.

As an avid hunter, it's concerning if we keep going down the same path my children won't have anything to hunt on public land because a couple people who live in metro areas doesn't agree with it. Trust your people that were hired for the positions and let's bring back the herds.

The longer we wait the more money Oregon will start losing in tag sales because people will start going out of state or stop hunting in general. Please consider passing this and thank you for your time.