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I am in support of increased local depredation management of Cougar populations in Oregon. Mule deer numbers have plummeted over the last two decades while Cougar populations have more than tripled. There is correlation to this rise in predators and the demise of prey. We need to minimize the numbers of Cougars on the landscape to allow deer better survival and increase hunter harvests for protein options in their freezers.