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The cougar population has swelled to over 7000 animals. The mule deer population has dropped from 400,000 in 1981 to 160,000 today. I have watched the number of deer decrease to 10% of what they were just 10 years ago on our ranch in Eastern Oregon. We are all tired of ballot box management in Portland affecting our lives in eastern Oregon. If you do not want to hunt cougars in downtown Portland that is your right. However, we do not need any of you to tell us what is best on our ranches. We are and have been good stewards of our land.