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cougar kill more deer and elk than hunters, poachers, and auto collisions combined i support SB 769. i also think that the management of wildlife should be by qualified biologists and not decided at the poles. cougar were nearly extirpated in Oregon before they were recognized as a game animal. under the management of odfw, their numbers were restored from 200 to over 3000 and returned to nearly all suitable habitat. it was one of the most successful projects oregon has ever undertaken. why did voters ever feel that they knew better

i support sb 769 and would support a drastic decrease in cougar numbers. i am 71 years old and have hunted since i was 12. i was delighted to see the return of cougar. but voters and the organizations made a huge error by removing the only tool that can possible keep their numbers.

thankyou for your time

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