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Since the ban on hound hunting my family and children have been adversely affected.

The change happened slowly as the big cats and bears have slowly lost the fear of human environments.

My children are no longer to play alone in the woods or on hikes camping trips ect. Since 2015 I have encountered 15 cougar and one that we shot as it would not leave the area of my 17 year old .

Running predators with hounds helps keep the places we live safe . It keeps the big predators free from conflict to avoid human interaction.

Please pad the exemption for Wallowa county.