

I have been a sportsman for most of my life. My father taught me how to love the outdoors. He utilized dogs to hunt and educated me on the benefit of predator control. After legal pursuit on cougars was banned I have noticed the sign and presence of cougars has risen in some of my favorite areas to recreate. Trying to manage cougars is a difficult task, but not allowing dogs to help with that task makes it even tougher. The evidence of cougar kills and overall sign is especially discouraging as I have found it harder and harder to find quality mule deer where they were once prevalent. This bill gives an opportunity for our counties to manage populations in an efficient manner and will only boost deer populations which in turn should help improve tag opportunities and boost wildlife economics in rural communities. - Will McCadden