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Thank you for providing this forum to allow an opportunity to submit comment regarding this incredibly important topic. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, enjoying all that this amazing state offers is a lifestyle for my family and friends.

Outdoor activities are not only attractive to native Oregonians but have captured the attention of enthusiasts nation and even world wide! However this attraction is being threatened! A means of enhancing the image of this great state, the reputation of providing an unmatched experience in one of the most picturesque settings in nature is unnecessarily under siege.

The good news is that SB769 not only addresses this issue but provides a thoughtful and reasonable solution. I implore the leadership of this state to not only consider SB769 but act with urgency for implementation!

Do not allow tragedy to strike from a collision between a predator with innate tendency to hunt and kill for its own survival, and a human enjoying our amazing state's landscape, when a managed population can create a sustainable model of coexistence.

Statistics prove that these cats have multiplied to levels that have forced them in to areas of extremely dangerous and unprecedented situations including venturing into neighborhoods just to compete for their own survival. SB769 is a humane solution allowing for management of this issue and should be implemented with urgency in the best interest of both nature and humanity!

Thank you for your consideration of this very important and urgent issue.