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I am not a hunter but live in rural Lane county. Since the ban on using hounds for hunting cougar, the cougar population has exploded. The cougar has moved closer to populated areas and are exhibiting behaviors that are putting humans, livestock and pets in increasing danger. I have firsthand experienced cougars walking right past my home to the neighbor and killing 2 pigs and a goat, then a few days later coming back and killing 2 more pigs during the day while the neighbor was yelling less than 40 feet away. The cougar did not eat but instead just killed and moved to the next one. I hear many stories from others with similar experiences. It's not only livestock but also pets. When will it be a child that is out playing in the yard ?? Hunting will still be regulated and appropriate permits issued but we need to get a handle on this now because current practices are greatly failing. I urge you to seriously look at this issue.  
Thank you for your time and consideration,  
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