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Submitted on behalf of the 312,000 deer killed by lion this year alone. 6,000 lion killing 1 deer every week.

Please support SB 769 and listen to the recommendations of ODFW biologists. For example, when assessing the winter habitat overlay in Jackson County, ODFW found that 24% of our total deer population is lost solely to mountain lion predation.

Managing wildlife based on emotion, rather than science, leads to artificial spikes in mortality, especially in areas with extreme predation.

Mountain lions are incredibly difficult to harvest without the aid of hounds. Allowing counties to manage their below-objective deer populations through responsible predator management is the best approach for Oregon's wildlife.

Just as it wouldn't be right for me to dictate wildlife management in another country, it isn't right for residents of major metropolitan areas to control wildlife policies across the entire state. The people who live in these counties should have the strongest voice in managing the wildlife around them.