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I have been in Lane County over 40 years. Cougars have decimated our sheep herd, and there are three left out of 35. There were five attacks in the last 24 months, each cat (all males) killed by shooting or traps. Location is on the main stem Siuslaw River. Evidence of tracks near left beaver tails leads me to believe the cougars are eliminating many if not all beavers. This has an impact of water quality for salmonids. Children may be especially vulnerable. Elimination of male cougars has minimal impact on population expansion. Also, we haven't seen deer anymore where we live.