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I ranch in coos county with 200 beef cows. Since hounds stopped hunting cougars their population has increased dramatically and the deer numbers have decreased a lot. In the years before 1994, we could count 40 deer a day on our ranch, now finding 3 a day is a good day. I have 2-3 calves every year that just disappear. The cougar population is causing poor deer hunting all across the state and lost dollars to businesses and state revenue. City people have no connection or idea what happens in rural Oregon and probably don't care, but we who live here do. Cougars need managed.