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Q2

Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

Montana Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife as an organization supports Amendment #1 as proposed by Commissioner Burrows in Region 2. We feel these are common sense adjustments in the mountain lion quotas, that won't harm the robust healthy population of lions and this is backed by FWP.

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Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

I oppose any reductions in any lion quota in any district in the state. This current commission could do well by following Idaho's lead in eliminating all quotas.

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Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

Dear Commissioners,

Please moderate this relentless effort against the balance and health of our states diverse wildlife. Predator " control" is nothing but an effort to sell more hunting for ungulates. This only ruins their health as predators like the mountain lion take out the weak and build up the strong. Our ungulste population is being managed like a herd of cows. The majority of Montanans are against this. Please consider those who relish the presence of all our diverse wildlife.

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Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

People who spend time on the ground, following tracks, reading snow, and witnessing what is happening to lions in real time are telling you that Montana's mountain lions are being overharvested. Please pay attention to their urgent responses.

- Montana's mountain lion quotas remain far too high.
- Lion hunters themselves are reporting serious population declines.
- Female quotas must be drastically reduced.
- Kittens and dependent young must be protected.
- Predator scapegoating is not science-based wildlife management.
- Montana's wildlife should not be managed for trophy hunting industry pressure.
- Mountain lions deserve ethical, science-based protection.

Thank you for taking serious consideration of these issues.

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Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

Please Stop Expanding the Killing of Mountain Lions in Montana

Dear Montana Fish and Wildlife Commissioners,

I am writing to urge the Commission to reject any mountain lion quota structure that continues or expands unnecessary killing, and instead move Montana toward a more protective, science-based approach to mountain lion management.

Mountain lions are not disposable “opportunity.” They are native apex predators, family animals, and essential members of Montana's ecosystems. They help regulate prey behavior, contribute to ecological balance, and provide food for a wide web of other wildlife through their kills. Research in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem documented 39 bird and mammal scavenger species using puma kills, underscoring that mountain lions support biodiversity far beyond their own species.

FWP's own materials show reason for caution, not increased killing. In the Southwest Ecoregion, FWP states that all available evidence suggests mountain lion populations are declining at a regional scale, and that high quotas on a declining population could create severe consequences. FWP also acknowledges that high hunting mortality is largely additive, not simply replaced by reproduction or recruitment.

This is especially troubling because current management continues to treat killing as the default tool, even when science shows it can backfire. A 30-year study of cougars in British Columbia found that human hunting pressure was positively associated with increased cougar-human conflict, especially involving males. In other words, killing more cougars did not reliably make communities safer - it was associated with more conflict.

Heavy hunting can also destabilize mountain lion social structure. Research on hunted cougar populations has found that heavily hunted areas can experience larger male home ranges and greater overlap among males - signs of social disruption rather than stable management. Killing mature resident lions can open territories to younger, less experienced animals, which may increase movement, instability, and conflict risk.

FWP's Region 7 justification also raises serious red flags. The agency notes that direct population measures are not yet available in Region 7, that houndsmen are reporting significant population reduction, and that the population is likely lower than preferred for sustainable ecosystem health, resource protection, and opportunity. Those are not conditions under which Montana should continue business-as-usual killing.

I respectfully ask the Commission to:

Suspend or sharply reduce mountain lion killing quotas statewide until independent, transparent population estimates are available.

Set female quotas at zero in any region showing decline or uncertainty.

End quota decisions based primarily on hunting opportunity and instead prioritize ecological health, coexistence, and long-term population stability.

Require FWP to provide the public with clear data on population trends, age structure, female mortality, kitten dependency risk, conflict incidents, and the scientific rationale for any proposed killing.

Montana's mountain lions belong to all Montanans, not only to those who want to pursue and kill them. The science does not support aggressive killing as a path to safety, balance, or conservation. It supports restraint, protection of mature breeding animals, and management that recognizes mountain lions as essential native wildlife.

Please stop the unnecessary killing of mountain lions in Montana and adopt a genuinely science-based, conservation-first approach.

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Please comment on Mountain Lion Amendment #1 - BURROWS

I strongly urge that all use of hounds be stopped in hunting mountain lions and all hunting of mountain lions be stopped. The cruelty must stop now. Mountain lions are important for healthy ecosystems as they cull the weak and sick species .

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I support any decrease in Mountain Lion quotas.

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