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Q2

Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission approve the fall 2026–winter 2027 mountain lion quotas as presented by the department and the accompanying mockup, with all other aspects regarding prior seasons adopted, except for those influenced by routine calendar rotations.

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Q2

Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

It's about time the commission quits blaming the mountain lion for their inept deer management. Lowering the quotas in R3 is a start, but needs to be implemented state wide. Perhaps you the commission needs needs to quit believing in people that personally profit from the publics big game animals and start listening to your own biologists .

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

Safari Club International's comments on mountain lion quotas are attached.

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2026 MT Mountain Lion Quotas.pdf (288.9KB)

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Q2

Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

To Director Clark & Mt. FWP Directors; On the June 12 meeting agenda is the setting of mountain lion quotas for 2026-2027. For Region 7 it is proposed by the Department to limit the taking of females to 10 in order to increase the population of mountain lions. I strongly disagree with this at this time because our mule deer numbers are already very very low. One of the main reasons they are so low is because of predators including coyotes, bears and probably the most efficient predator of all, the mountain lions. With fur prices so low most hunters and trappers do not pursue coyotes. The Department states that the quota on lions in Region 7 has not been met since it was raised to 45 in 2014. This is not because of low lion numbers, it is because of poor snow conditions. In 2017 when the fewest lions were taken, the reason was because the snow was too deep for dogs to run. Last year there was basically no snow thus the reduced take and now the mule deer have to deal with those unharvested lions as well as the normal numbers of lions. In years past we had to look hard to find a lion track, now when there is snow we see tracks weekly just going about our cattle feeding duties. The harvest of lions in Region 7 for the last 5 years was 90 males and 57 females. There is an abundance of females to maintain the population of lions. The mule deer numbers are low regionwide and now is not time to increase lion populations. If anyone has questions on my comments feel free to call me at 406-342-5822

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

The quota was raised to 12 males and 8 females in district 411 without any real reason or scientific data of over population. I believe the quota needs to be lowered to its original numbers of 8 males and 6 females. Personally I spend over 100 days per winter in pursuing mountain lions with hounds and saw a VERY significant decline in population. Another year of this raised quota will result in a population decline that will be nearly unrecoverable.

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

As a Montana resident hounds man I support quota reduction as proposed. All regions would benefit from a reduced quota as what is happening to our lion population should be considered criminal. Thank you for taking consideration to this issue.

A concerned conservationist

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I like to see the quota decreased in some of the region 3. We need to decrease female harvest in region 2 as well. The hunting has gotten significantly harder each year I'm finding less tracks, and the number of lions I tree is less and less.

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I hunt mainly in 285 and I must say lion numbers are way down from years past. I believe this is due to higher quota numbers. Yes the quotas did not get met last winter but that was not because of Mother Nature but due to the fact that Toms lions could not be found. I ran days on end only to find 3 runnable lions all winter. The quota needs to be dropped or go back to draw unit.

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Q2

Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I believe the quotas for 411 are to high, just take a look at the maturity of cats being killed in our area. Most are adolescent males and females or kittens The male quota wasn't even filled. We treed 22 lions in 2026 (several same cats multiple times,) of the 22 one was a mature Tom. Which was the only cat we harvested. We hunt the north Moccasins, Snowy mountains, and Judith mountains daily, it wasn't rare to go 2 weeks between track sightings in three mountain ranges. The fact that we can kill adolescent lions just because they don't have spots is embarrassing for our sport. Adolescent cats should be off limits with hounds, if you can't tell the difference as a houndsman you shouldn't own hounds.

The belief killing all the lions will bring the mule deer back is very poor lack of science and management understanding. Yes lions kill deer, so do coyotes, black bear, grizzly, disease and humans. True houndsman have a respect and admiration for the lions we pursue. They are a unique and interesting animal that should be protected from over harvesting the same as any big game animal.

I would in the future hope some more funding could be given out for mountain lion research and true population numbers. Talking to true houndsman or better yet doing mountain lion research with houndsman for total populations in our area would be a great addition to your management practices.

Thank you and I hope you do read the comments and take our love for this sport seriously and not just a way to be rid of lions.
Thanks again,
Casey Terry

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I would like the 40% quota threshold that we've had for the last four or five years lowered to the mountain land committees threshold to 12.5. Our lion population has been lower way below what it needed to be. Please lower the quotas across the state and please listen to us as houndsmen that our lion populations are not good. When quotas aren't filling it is because the lions are there.

Sincerely, Terry L. Zink
4th generation houndsman

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I believe region 2 quotas are too high. The number of lions in region 2 simply cannot support these quotas. The female quotas especially need to be drastically reduced. We as houndsmen are seeing a huge decline in lion population. Oftentimes hundreds of miles are drove and no lion tracks are found. For every female killed, usually 2-3 kittens are also starving.

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Increase lion quotas - we have a surplus of them on the landscape.

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I feel that there is a over harvesting of lions
Which won't fix the miss management of the deer/elk an other.
You talk to the hunters hunting lion an see what they say
Only ones benefiting from this are the outfitters. I myself spend countless days in the woods the lion is not the problem or solution.
Let's make it public information on what is being harvested.
I feel this is more about revenue than a healthy resource

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Q1

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Please comment on 2026 Mountain Lion Quotas

I believe the quota for 411 to be too high to sustain a healthy population of mountain lions. I believe if you look at the average age of mountain lions harvested in this area they would largely be subadults or females with sub adult kittens still at her side.

My son and I treed 22 lions in 2025-2026 (a large number of these were repeatedly in their core area). I treed one mature tom which a friend harvested. This was the only cat we harvested during this time. We hunt the Big Snowy Mountains, Judith Mountains and North Moccasin Mountains almost daily. It wasn't uncommon to not have a track for two weeks in three mountain ranges. The fact that kittens without spots can be harvested is unsportsmanlike and an atrocity to our sport. If a sportsman can't tell a mature cat from a kitten, then they shouldn't have dogs. I personally know of a group with dogs that killed a female and two young kittens traveling with her. This group then bragged about how they had a triple lion day. These are not houndsmen in my opinion – is that the kind of face you want for lion hunting?

Lions have a right to exist as much as any other predator. Do lions need managed? Of course. But in an ethical and conservation-based way. With population studies and conversations with true houndsmen it is said, "true houndsmen are a group of people who have a love for their dogs and have the utmost respect for the mountain lion, bear and raccoon that they pursue." I and houndsmen like me care about the lions we pursue and want a healthy population of lions to exist so we can pass our traditions on to future generations.

Saying that eliminating lions will cure the mule deer decline is poor management practice at best. Bears, coyotes, and humans also eat deer, and I don't see deer tag limitations across all of Montana happening anytime soon. I know deer hunters, elk hunters and landowners are always complaining about lion populations. But none of them have any true basis for over populations. I would bet the FWP has no real numbers on mountain lion populations in most areas of Montana. An example is this – a landowner told us they had seen 6-8 mountain lions on their property with game cameras. We looked at these shots and realized their 6-8 lions were actually 2 yearlings that loved to be photographed by trail cameras and had taken up residence on their acreage. There are so few mature toms to keep youngsters moving which a mature tom will do very well.

I hope you read this comment, and I hope in the future we can have in-person, region specific meetings on populations of lions, bobcats and bears. We houndsmen have first-hand knowledge of populations in our areas by being out in their environment a large part of the year, and our insight would be helpful to the management of these animals.

Thank you for your time – Casey Terry

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