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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

I agree with taking the archery quata's off off the mountain lion's. And agree with the any license for 141 and 150 as I presume it means using your (black bear, elk, or deer) . I think this should be a great option for other districts as well and also an option for black bear.

Thank you for reading this
 Whitney Shanks
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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

I am in full support of regulation adjustments that help biologists better monitor lion populations. Houndsman numbers seem to be increasing in the state, and before the last adjustments, it seemed to be a free for all for these "new" montana hounds persons. Historically houndsman in Montana have an established relationship/respect for their prey. These new hunters (southern) do not seem to have this same level of respect and appreciation for what they chase. Its all about "killin' cats" is what one person told me. This is obviously purely anecdotal but made me cringe at the thought of that mentality growing with the increasing population of folks. I am in full support of measures that help us better understand how this increase is affecting lions

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

I am in favor of extending the winter season to offer more hunter opportunity for harvest using hounds.

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

Please reduce the lion quota back to the 2022 quotas for hunting districts 314, and 317. Neither of these districts are able to sustain that type of harvest and continue to maintain a sustainable population. Thanks, Brad Shultz

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

Rules have been confusing on the "incidental" or without hounds tag. It is not clear when you can harvest a lion on an over the counter tag. IE is it only archery?

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

I'm sorry, but there's gonna be hounds running cats from 9/15-4/14 during deer and elk season? That's a terrible idea. I love the idea of more opportunity for predator hunting. Not the hounds in the woods part though.

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

The houndsmen are already interfering with trapping wolves, they absolutely have no reason to be out there during deer/elk general. Additionally, although not in scope, there should be limited/no chase season. Wolves need to be controlled and houndsmen limit our ability to trap/snare. Running dgs through the woods with no reason is wildlife harassment... period.

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

Flathead Wildlife (FWI) remains concerned over the current mountain lion Quota/Limited License structure for mountain lions since this could cause a reversion to the free-for-all opening day hunts on quotas in the past that worked against local hunters and often overshot quotas. FWI will continue to monitor harvest. At this time there appear to be abundant mountain lions. FWI will continue to monitor increased mountain lion harvest in ungulate priority areas to see if deer and elk abundance increase. FWI supports the proposed change to eliminate the archery and fall mountain lion quotas and roll them into the general quota. Few lions are killed under those seasons at this time. FWI supports the proposed changes to LMUs 140 (Great Bear) and 150 (Bob Marshall) in terms of seasons and licenses. Access is very limited, particularly as snow levels increase. At this time few lions are harvested in these LMUs.

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Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

20 November 2023

2024 and 2025 Mountain Lions Hunting Regulations

C/O Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks

1420 East Sixth Avenue

P.O. Box 200701

Helena, Mt 59620-0701

Re: 2024 and 2025 Mountain Lion Hunting Regulations, Season Structures, and Hunting District Boundaries

Dear Commissioners and Director Temple:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2024 and 2025 Mountain Lion Hunting Regulations, Season Structures, and Hunting District Boundaries.

The proposed changes to the 2024 and 2025 Mountain Lion Hunting Regulations, Season Structures, and Hunting District Boundaries generally demonstrate responsible and sustainable management of mountain lions while maintaining high levels of opportunity for hunters. SCI believes that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, including predators such as black bears, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the 2024 and 2025 Mountain Lion Hunting Regulations, Season Structures, and Hunting District Boundaries. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Agency and the Commission. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

W. Laird Hamberlin

CEO

Safari Club International

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

We do not support the increased killing of mountain lions nor the lengthening of any mountain lion seasons. We object that the best available science, i.e., peer reviewed studies, have not been provided to substantiate killing more lions and undoubtedly because they cannot and will not. Even numerous houndsmen, including long-timers, objected to this newfound war declared on lions, again. The excuse to boast prey species is irrational and insulting. Again and again, habitat is the determining factor for prey. Weather also plays a significant part. Predators, however, keep prey strong and healthy and the prey are the ones who actually determine the number of predators, not the other way around.

Large predators are very sensitive to exploitation. Mountain lions are territorial. Removing trophy toms disrupts their innate population control mechanism and opens the territory to immature males. This can lead to various problems, including against livestock. Additionally, those who have studied mountain lions extensively say for every female lion killed another dies naturally. We have also had our fair share of orphaned kits getting into trouble or, along with juveniles, are killed just in case they do and fueled by fear mongering.

Lastly, 191 lions have been reported trapped/snared in the last 11 trapping seasons with at least over half, i.e. 59% killed. Those are just the ones reported. Up until a few years ago and in response to our pressuring the department for change, lions did not have to be reported trapped/snared unless injured, dead, or in wolf trap sets. The fate of the injured and trap-released remains bleak especially given we have no required trap check time and the 48 hr exception for wolves is double the standard recommendation to reduce injury and increase chances of survivability. Why do these lions never come off the quota?
Why do they not count?

In conclusion, wildlife are in trouble from habitat loss, encroachment by people, and climate change. It's past time conservation, not consumption, dictate wildlife management in Montana.

Thank you,

KC York

President/Founder

Trap Free Montana

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Q2

Please comment on the Mountain Lion Season and Regulations

I have enjoyed lion hunting for the past 4 decades and have past this love of hound hunting to my wife and daughter. When and if we harvest a lion it's always a mature animal. Hounds give you the opportunity to observe the animal to determine sex and if it's a wet female. Lion quotas have been increased across the state yet FWP is limiting hound handlers permits for out of state hunters unless they own property. They have guilded many of houndsmen who would like to go without a outfitter. They can't even go with family. Limiting hound handlers permits is discrimination against out of state houndsmen.
