

I support the GFP proposed bobcat season.
Wildlife management is a complex issue, one size does
not fit all.

I hope special interest groups, animal activists,
political and economics don't dilute sound
management.

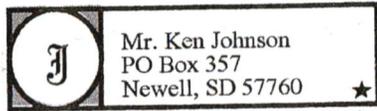
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Retired GFP--ADC

Ken Johnson

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523 EAST CAPITOL AVE
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To: So. Dak. Game Fish & Parks

I support the proposal
to have the bobcat
season the same as last yr.

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: 2015-2016 Mountain Lion Proposal
Date: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:52:53 AM

From: Andy Jackson [mailto:getandyjackson@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 10:38 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: 2015-2016 Mountain Lion Proposal

I oppose issuing non-resident licenses for mountain lion hunting. The only reason I can see for this is monetary! I'd rather pay additional for a resident license and keep this season for South Dakota residents only, especially since the quota is recommended to be reduced!

Thank you for allowing my input!

Andrew J. Jackson
2507 Minnewasta Rd.
Rapid City, SD 57702

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: American Cougar
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2015 8:20:35 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Montana Burt [<mailto:montanalb16@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 4:54 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: American Cougar

Stop killing Cougars. Put the most dangerous ones in a conservatory and let people come see them. Living in the eastern U.S., I can't believe I've never seen one in person, not even at a zoo.

People give Africa so much flack for the conservation efforts, but they seem to be outdoing you.

Allow people to experience these animals in a cool way, instead of just executing them for trophies.

Best Regards,

Montana L. Burt

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Big Game and Baiting
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:57:32 PM

From: sio.midco.net, tvoeltz
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 3:51 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: Big Game and Baiting

Hello,

I wanted to state that I am not very happy with the preference point system. Since it has gone into effect, I have not gotten a deer tag in 3 years. I would have rather paid ten dollars more than have the preference point system. I would really love to get back out there and be able to hunt but because of the preference point system, I don't know if I will ever get to hunt again. I am very disappointed.

Thank you,

Tony Voeltz

Sioux Falls, SD

From: [South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks](#)
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:27 AM
To: tvoeltz@sio.midco.net
Subject: Big Game and Baiting

[South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks](#)



South Dakota big game hunters are reminded that it is illegal for anyone to place any salt or salt lick or construct, occupy, or use any screen, blind, scaffold, or other device at or near any salt or salt lick for the purposes of enticing or baiting big game animals to the same for the purpose of hunting, watching for, or killing big game.

Additionally, South Dakota hunters may not establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station from August 15 to February 1, inclusive, and from March 15 to May 31, inclusive, to attract any big game animal, including wild turkey.

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conditions or accepted farming, forest management, wildlife food plantings, orchard management, or similar land management activities.

Hunters should also be aware that it is illegal to establish, utilize, or maintain a bait station on lands owned by the department and on properties managed and classified by the department as Game Production Areas, State Parks, State Recreation Areas, State Lakeside Use Areas, State Nature Areas, and State Water Access Areas.

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This message was sent to tvoltz@sio.midco.net from:

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From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Big Game and Baiting
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:19:04 PM

From: Chuck Diehl [mailto:diehl@northstartek.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:16 PM
To: SDGFPINFO
Subject: Re: Big Game and Baiting

Excellent law! I hate watching shows with deer get killed from a blind eating bait.

Chuck Diehl - Northstar Technology Sales
C - 612 802 9790

On Sep 24, 2015, at 11:27 AM, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks <sdgfpinfo@state.sd.us> wrote:

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Bobcat regulations
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 8:41:37 AM

From: Bowdens [mailto:bowdens@gwtc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2015 7:53 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat regulations

Dear Commissioners,

I would like to voice my opinion regarding the west river bobcat season for 2015-2016. I would like to see game, fish & parks current proposal accepted and keep the same season and regulations as we have had the previous two seasons.

I am an avid hunter and trapper. Last winter was a typical season on the trap line as far as bobcat sign and harvest. I released several juveniles and females.

My observation of being on the trap line in the areas I trap is that the population is about normal.

I have heard some people say that they drive the roads in the Black Hills without seeing many bobcat tracks. My suggestion to them is to get out of your trucks and hunt on foot and they might be surprised at the sign you see.

Fur prices were down which also had an affect on the harvest total last season. Also having a six week season instead of the 8 weeks we used to have makes a difference in the harvest totals.

Thank you,

Larry Bowden

Hot Springs SD

From: Miller, LouAnn
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Bobcat season input for finalization in October
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:07:56 AM

From: Steve [<mailto:sacherkas@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 6:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat season input for finalization in October

I just listened to the August audio with commission concerned to the point of putting a limit per trapper on bobcats. I agree with the state biologists to leave the season as is and NOT put limits per trapper or quotas in place. I have trapped bobcats in many states for the last 10 years including South Dakota, Wyoming, Missouri, Iowa, and New Mexico. First let me say that I believe South Dakota has a healthy population of bobcat. I base this on the amount of sign I seen in Feb 2014 in the southern Missouri river breaks west river, and my scouting Dec 2014/Jan 2015 in the Black Hills and prairie area to the south and southeast. I bought some land (153 acres in Fall River in southern hills) last December and plan to build and move there in 2-3 years (seeing bobcat regularly on trail cameras). In comparing the amount of sign in South Dakota I find it more than what I have seen in Wyoming trapping the last 10 years, and also more than New Mexico. Both of these states do not have quotas and much longer seasons. I also see less trappers in south dakota in comparison to any of the states I trap. When you look at the shorter season, less trappers, and lower market prices (down 35-40% this past seasons which also was down 25% from 2 seasons ago) I would expect even a smaller harvest in the coming 2015-2016 season. Do not let the harvest numbers sway your opinion. I urge you to NOT implement any quota and let science be your guide. I was planning on trapping this past season but chose not to due to the market conditions. I do plan on trapping this upcoming season but that could change as the current market (commodities like oil, precious metals, and copper) indicates it could get worse before it gets better. On the other hand California recently banned bobcat trapping (all political against biologist recommendations with recent Cecil the lion news adding to the left leaning views) which will reduce the supply of quality western cats to the market by about 10%.

If you need assistance in attaining your cat goals for the study let me know and I may be able to help you depending on the time of year.

Steve Cherkas
515-306-2592
Johnston Iowa

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Bobcat season proposal
Date: Friday, September 25, 2015 11:24:10 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: brost [<mailto:jbrost@gwtc.net>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 11:18 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat season proposal

I support the proposal as submitted by the game, fish & parks to the Commission to duplicate the same season dates and regulations as the past two seasons.

thank you

James Brost
202 meadowlark dr
Hot Springs, SD, 57747

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: bobcat season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 3:54:42 PM

From: harry mitchell [mailto:wanesharose1@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:54 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: bobcat season

would like season dates remain as last year. thank you, h.mitchell, hot springs, s.d.

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Bobcat season
Date: Friday, September 18, 2015 7:53:04 AM

From: jsbirdsall [mailto:jsbirdsall@goldenwest.net]
Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 6:56 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat season

I would like to say I am in favor of the gfp proposal to leave the bobcat season the same as last year.
James Birdsall 28086 Angostura Rd. Hot Springs SD 57747

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Bobcat Season
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:05:53 AM

From: ed wahlert [mailto:edwyatt@live.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:26 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat Season

My name is Ed Wahlert and I think the Commission should support the proposed Bobcat Season submitted by the GF&P with No changes made from last year's season.

Ed Wahlert
14071 E Howl Rd
Oral, S.D. 57766

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Bobcat Trapping East and West River
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:47:54 AM

From: Ray Maize [mailto:sdtrapr@mncomm.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 6:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Bobcat Trapping East and West River

Dear South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commissioners,

I support the proposed season of 2015-2016 of Bobcat Trapping West River to be the same as in the past two seasons. I also support the proposal of opening up the counties of Clay, Hughes, Hutchinson, Hyde and Union for East River trapping.

Thank You,
Ray Maize
Pierre, SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Comments upcoming meeting
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 8:40:22 AM

From: Dr Bob Woerman [mailto:drbobw@alliancecom.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 10:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Comments upcoming meeting

To Department of Game, Fish and Parks

From Dr. Bob Woerman
204 Country Club Ave.
Brandon, SD 57005
Cell Phone: 605 941 0211

Comments:

Walleye rules and regulations: Visiting with several fishermen comments are all the same, "Make the Walleye regulations more uniform from one lake or stream to the next in South Dakota." Right now regulations are confusing and it is easy to make a mistake when keeping or releasing a Walleye.

Mountain Lion Hunting: Total number of Mountain Lions that can be killed is approaching the limit in the Black Hills. It is time to trim the kill numbers back or we will not have this resource in the Black Hills. You do not hear about lions as a nuisance like we did a few years ago.

Purchase and accrual of preference points: I am not familiar with the petitions described but I am in favor of accrual of preference points. For example I am 70 years old lifetime hunter and have quite a few preference points for a Custer State Park Elk License. Each year my odds are getting slightly better. Take away the preference points, I will never have the opportunity to hunt Custer State Park Elk.

Same is true for antelope hunting and deer hunting in certain counties. Preference points allow South Dakota residents opportunity to hunt.

Same is true for petitions about out of state water fowl hunters. Less South Dakota citizens have been hunting in recent years. A good reason for this is the SD citizen is shut out of land now used by out of state hunters. What best describes these hunters in many instances are corporate hunters. Corporations entertain clients by taking them hunting. These are not family hunts but big dollar hunts that South Dakota Citizens cannot compete with due to limited incomes compared to a corporation or affluent out of state group. The land owner is paid large sums of money from parties hunting or out of states lease hunting rights on the farm or ranch or perhaps have purchased real estate.

Keep preference points.

Limit out of state water fowl hunters by limiting out of state waterfowl permits.



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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Cougar Rewilding Foundation SDGF&P 2016 Mountain Lion Management comments
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:58:02 AM

From: Christopher Spatz [mailto:spatzcat61@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 7:50 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Cougar Rewilding Foundation SDGF&P 2016 Mountain Lion Management comments

Regarding quotas/harvest limits pertaining to **South Dakota's** 2016 Mountain Lion Hunting Season

Position: Opposed

Dear Commissioners,

In SDGF&P's August 2012 commissioner meeting video reviewing revised mountain lion estimates and the proposed increase of hunting quotas, one commissioner notes that an indication of population decline is the failure to meet quotas. At the close of the 2015 mountain lion hunting season, 22 females from a harvest limit set at 50 *marked the sixth consecutive season* the female harvest limit/quota had not been reached. The total mountain lion take of 43 was short by 32 of the limit set at 75, *marking the third consecutive season* in which the total limit was not reached. 6 years and 3. While SDGF&P biologists have attributed the declining harvests recently to poor tracking conditions, the August 2015 Mountain Lion Management and Season Recommendation video notes that the population is indeed "trending down." How else to interpret failing to meet quotas/harvests limits for 6 years and 3, especially when they are consecutively undershot by as much as 56%, as they were in 2015?

Mr. Kanta notes in the August 2015 presentation to the Commissioners that not only are hunters finding sign of fewer mountain lions on the landscape, but hunters are now commenting that the 2010 - 2015 SDGF&P Mountain Lion Management Plan has been far too effective at reducing the population. Hunters are concerned for the very viability of mountain lions in the Black Hills. "We need to back off," says Mr. Kanta, "die-hard hunters are saying be careful, we don't want to lose this resource."

The Commissioners have chosen not to heed cougar biologists and cougar advocates recommending best-practice, peer-reviewed hunting protocols. The Commissioners have chosen not to heed SDGF&P polls showing a majority of South Dakota citizens and Black Hills residents who wished for no reduction in South Dakota's mountain lion population. Will the Commissioners listen then to your primary constituents, hunters?

The proposed quota/harvest limit reductions for 2016 of 60 total and 40 females continues the trend in unsustainable mountain lion harvests. SDGF&P considered but rejected Washington State University's peer-reviewed research findings that over-harvest disrupts mountain lion social order, and that a 14% take matching the reproduction rate is the established harvest rate to ensure both pet, livestock and human safety, and for population sustainability.

Representing our board of directors and members, and every taxpayer of the United States who own the Black Hills National Forest, the Cougar Rewilding Foundation recommends that the commissioners reject the proposed

mountain lion harvest limit for 2016 and permanently adopt Washington State University's harvest threshold of 14% of the total population estimate.

Respectively submitted,

Christopher Spatz
President
Cougar Rewilding Foundation

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Deer tag preference points.
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:54:38 AM

From: Aaron Rost [mailto:rost.aaron@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 11:46 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: RE: Deer tag preference points.

May i please get a response. Just curious is all.

Aaron Rost

On Sep 10, 2015, 7:33:50 AM, Aaron Rost wrote:
To whom it concerns. Was curious as to why u now have to buy preference points?
? This is gonna really hurt the hunters that dont have a lot if money to be throwing
away!! People wonder why hunting is not as good as it used to be with number of
hunters. This is one example. I am not enthused that now we have to buy
oreference points and compete with the wealthy!! Not sure what was wrong with the
old way that was fair to ALL HUNTERS!!

Aaron Rost

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: fee increases
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:21:44 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Dana DeWitt [<mailto:ddeWitt@mtmc.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:15 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: fee increases

Dana C. De Witt
503 James Place
Yankton, SD 57078

Dear Commission Members,

I would like to point out that real income has either gone down or been flat for the last 7 years. Taxes and fees keep going up and despite the fact that they are regressive. The poorer a person is the less opportunity they have to participate in outdoor adventures. Maybe people want it that way, I hope not. Thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,
Dana C. De Witt

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Hunting Mountain Lions
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015 8:17:37 AM

From: ellyn [mailto:ellynrae@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 10:50 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Hunting Mountain Lions

To the South Dakota Game, Fish, and Parks Commission,

I think you should stop hunting mountain lions for one season. The population has been decimated by your allowing so many of the shy reclusive cats to be slaughtered, which is why your bounty hunters can't find them.

And \$121 for a permit? Why bother? Do you think the lives of these top-of-the-food-chain predators is worth nothing, as evidenced by your willingness to let hunters use dogs now, too??

If you canceled one hunting season, who would be mad? I'm guessing the ranchers and the gun lobby, right? I hope you can stand up to such pressure, and do the right thing for these beautiful cats who need our protection.

Thank you for listening and at a minimum do not allow the cats to be hunted with dogs. Too barbaric and awful to even think about.

Respectfully,
Ellyn Berner
Mountain View, CA

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: I AM OPPOSED TO NON-RESIDENTS HUNTING MOUNTAIN LIONS IN SD
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:36:16 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Evelyn Hyde [<mailto:dchye@pie.midco.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:22 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: I AM OPPOSED TO NON-RESIDENTS HUNTING MOUNTAIN LIONS IN SD

I AM OPPOSED TO NON RESIDENTS HUNTING MOUNTAIN LIONS IN SOUTH DAKOTA!

IF MORE MOUNTAIN LIONS NEED TO BE HARVESTED, INCREASE THE NUMBER ALLOWED TO BE TAKEN!

Respectfully,

Dean A Hyde

703 N Madison
Pierre, SD 57501

tel# (605) 224-5443

PS: This will open the door to guided hunts with dogs and everything associated with non sporting harvests.

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: I wish the bobcat season to remain the same with n...
Date: Thursday, September 17, 2015 9:03:37 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: 6053906990@vtext.com [<mailto:6053906990@vtext.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 16, 2015 9:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: I wish the bobcat season to remain the same with n...

I wish the bobcat season to remain the same with no changes from last year. Thank You Terry March
27938 knappie road, Hot Springs SD, 57747

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: input to GF&P meeting
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:48:53 PM

From: Chip O'Malley [mailto:chipo@itctel.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 12:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: input to GF&P meeting

1. What are you going to do about all the atv traffic running most the elk out of South Dakota black hills into Wyoming. I was told there are less than 3000 elk in the hills right now and over 8000 in Wyoming black hills. Your own biologists have attributed this to atv traffic.

2. I live in lake county and I would like to thank you for the great job your doing managing our migratory birds. I gravel township roads for a job. The last week I have seen thousands if not hundreds of thousands of comorrants and pelicans. I saw only 3 canadian geese. Between the gf&p destroying the nest and the farmers legally and illegally shooting all the adults and young we no longer have a viable hunting population. You are killing off our game birds because they destroy a small amount of crops which could be managed and protecting non game birds that are desemating lakes and streams by eating millions of fish every year. This also could br managed by having a season on comorrants which was approved by the US fish & wildlife and turn down by you (GF&P).

Chip O'Malley
Wentworth, SD. 57075

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: kill the cats
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:42:52 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Kampa [<mailto:kampa@nvc.net>]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:39 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: kill the cats

you should make mountain lion season open for dogs and up the quota

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Lion hunting quota
Date: Monday, August 31, 2015 1:46:06 PM

From: Diane Welsh [mailto:welshd7@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2015 1:38 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Lion hunting quota

Dear Commission,

I know solely by my correspondence, the Mountain Lion hunt will not end, but I am asking for your sincere consideration to grossly reducing the planned numbers of allowable kills. I realize you are proposing a reduced number already, but lower numbers would be even more in line of reasonable. These animals are a major part of the eco balance and disruption of that balance will cause an increase of rodent populations and carion across the state. The hunters should also be responsible and accurate hunters so any animal injured will not be abandoned to suffer until its last breath. Your consideration to these aspects is most graciously appreciated. Thank you.

Diane Welsh

speaking on behalf of my page- Passion For Wolves, concerned with all wildlife and our ecosystem.

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: lion season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:03:44 AM

From: Jorgensen, Brian L [mailto:BJORGENS@amfam.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:16 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: lion season

WE do not need to open this up to non-residents. We are restricting the residents enough on this, why would we allow more non-residents to the mix.

Leave it the way it is.

Thanks,

Brian Jorgensen
Aberdeen, sd

American Family Insurance Company | American Family Life Insurance Company | American Family Mutual Insurance Company | American Standard Insurance Company of Ohio | American Standard Insurance Company of Wisconsin | Midvale Indemnity Company | Home Office - 6000 American Parkway | Madison, WI 53783

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Lion Season
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:38:57 AM

From: djlove@gwtc.net [mailto:djlove@gwtc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:17 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Lion Season

To: Commissioners; SD Game Fish and Parks

From: David R. Love Ret. L.E.

Subject: Comments on lion season

How difficult it is to write to you commissioners knowing that your decisions are already set and no amount of reason, logic, science, compassion, common sense or respect for the Creator can sway you. And this pathetic state of affairs will continue until you commissioners are replaced by people who are not hunters and ranchers or beholden to those two groups; by people who have the intelligence and moral attributes that you all lack.

Your comments to the contrary, it seems clear that you are well on your way to eradicating mountain lions from the Black Hills and the state for the 2nd time. How proud you must be to have and exercise such power. You are all contemptible.

So, for what it is worth, I am against setting the season for two years, I am against the use of hounds anywhere, I am against the idea of letting people from out of state hunt SD lions, and if they must, then the tag should be no less than \$500.. I am against the "harvest" (what a despicable term) numbers which are far too high to insure a healthy population (but, of course, that is what you are aiming at), and I am against the whole concept and practice of killing lions in the prairie unit.

You are catering to hunters who are totally selfish and ranchers who are ignorant, backward, fools. You are overseeing the destruction of a beautiful creature which has a beneficial part of the ecology of the Black Hills and for no good reason other than because you can and

want to. You have no shame.

Sincerely,

David R. Love

12166 Silver Star Drive

Custer, S.D. 57730

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Lion season/quota
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:07:11 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Tim Goodwin [<mailto:tgoodwin1955@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Lion season/quota

In regard to upcoming Lion Season, I make the following recommendations:

1. Keep dates of season from Dec 26 to March 31.
2. Keep Quota the same 75 Lions or 50 Females whichever comes first.
3. Do not allow dogs in Black Hills Forrest District keeping this a foot season for any hunter to attempt his skills.

Last years season was very difficult as there was virtually no snow of any tracking depth to hunt in from Jan2015 thru March2015.

Lion kills go up when there's snow!!

Sincerely,

Timothy R Goodwin
12870 J Pine Road
Rapid City SD 57702
Ph 605-390-5324
tgoodwin1955@gmail.com
Sent from my iPhone

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Lions
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:37:55 AM

From: Gardner Gray [mailto:gb.gray@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 4:20 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Lions

Dear Sirs:

Regarding the lion hunt season for the next two years, allow me to make some observations and comments.

1. I Object to licenses being sold to as many as 250 out-of-state folks for only \$121 dollars per each. I especially object to out-of-state hunters being allowed to hunt on the prairie unit, which means out-of-state folks can hunt with hounds.

2. I especially object to Commission's January 2015 approval of hound hunt on the prairie -- which allows such hound hunt for 365 days of the year on private land and on some public lands.

3. I object to the 60 lion harvest "cap" as too aggressive, especially as it is being set for two years. At this rate, you might as well admit your true goal and announce total removal despite the importance of a cornerstone species

4. I object to extension of the SD Mountain Lion Management Plan for 2 more years.

5. I object to the 365-day, unlimited season on the Prairie Unit.

6. I object to the hunt in-toto on the basis that your figures and plans are not based on science or the need for a healthy lion survival program. Your numbers are unsustainable and therefore illogical, unnecessary and based on the desires of a few hunters to kill for sport rather than any kind of safety issues.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

Gardner Gray
PO Box 153
Pringle, SD 57773
605 673 3730

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain Lion / Non Resident Proposal
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:06:23 AM

From: Dan Thayer [mailto:danthayer@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:30 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain Lion / Non Resident Proposal

I understand there is a move afoot to let non-residents in to hunt mountain lions. Why would anyone propose this when there is a move to cut back on the number of resident tags? The system is working fine and a sound management program is in place, I suspect this is all about more dollars for non-resident licenses and likely more dollars in the pockets of professional guides. If you are cutting back on resident licenses and allowing non-residents in, seems like it speaks for itself! I am opposed to any non-resident access.

Thank you

Dan Thayer
127257 West Bridge Rd
Aberdeen, SD 57401

From: [Kiel, Emily](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#); [Simpson, Scott \(GFP\)](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain Lion Hunting - Comment period ending Oct 1
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:28:15 AM

Emily Kiel | *Communications Manager*
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
523 East Capitol Avenue | Pierre, SD 57501
605.773.3904 | Emily.Kiel@state.sd.us



From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Mountain Lion Hunting - Comment period ending Oct 1

From: Pamela Williams [<mailto:3blackdog9@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 8:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain Lion Hunting - Comment period ending Oct 1

I oppose all hunting with hounds and ask that you enact permanent prohibitions. Please do NOT expand hound hunting in Custer State Park.

I ask that you eliminate mountain lion hunting. There is no excuse for recreational killing, and few if any people consume mountain lion flesh. South Dakota doesn't need to declare itself a heartless place where wildlife is cruelly killed to give someone a thrill.

Please show mercy to these shy, beautiful, rare animals.

Thank you.

Pamela Williams
2418 Jean
Boise, ID 83705
3blackdog9@gmail.com

From: [Kiel, Emily](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#); [Simpson, Scott \(GFP\)](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain lion hunting
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:28:10 AM

Emily Kiel | *Communications Manager*
South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks
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From: Cary, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 8:01 AM
To: Kiel, Emily
Subject: FW: Mountain lion hunting

From: jenna brager [<mailto:ainajaye@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:01 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain lion hunting

To Whom it May Concern:

It has come to my attention that you are allowing the legal hunting of mountain lions and are in fact setting quotas. This is an extremely outdated practice. It is common knowledge in this era that mountain lions, as top predators, are an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. All animals and plant species, as well as humans, depend on healthy ecosystems for survival.

There is absolutely no need to manage mountain lion populations. As a top predator, their population manages itself and also is crucial for maintaining healthy populations of prey species. By allowing hunting of top predators such as mountain lions, you are jeopardizing the health of the entire ecosystem, including human survival.

Please wake up to these facts. Mountain lions are a threatened species - they must be protected from hunting, therefore hunting should certainly not be encouraged or allowed.

With all due respect for your life and the lives of mountain lions across North America,

Jenna Brager
Nevada City, California

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain Lion hunting
Date: Monday, September 28, 2015 3:47:33 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)
[image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

From: Malcomb, Pat D. [mailto:Pat.Malcomb@spartanmotors.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 2:48 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain Lion hunting

I was reading the public comments on this issue and just had to write in. Most of the negative comments were from out of state people that have no interest in South Dakota what so ever, they are just all anti hunting and there is no reasoning with them so I wont even try. Then you have the Humane society sending in the same E-Mail with mostly fictional people to try a persuade you from doing the right thing, I am sure you will see right through the scheme. I would propose that the state captures and sends a SD mountain lion to anyone who wants to stop the hunt, this would be a win win as we could reduce the numbers without hunting, and the anti-hunters get to save and take care of a mountain lion, who knows maybe those cute lions would make a good pet.

Thanks for listening Pat Malcomb
3016 E 21st Sioux falls

Pat Malcomb

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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain Lion Hunting
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:08:41 AM

From: ray malphrus [mailto:malphrusr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 2:45 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain Lion Hunting

Please stop the Mountain Lion Hunting. I've hunted most of my life but see no need to kill such a beautiful creature as a mountain lion.

Thank You

Ray Malphrus
Simi Valley, Ca.

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mountain lion season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 3:51:05 PM

From: djlove@gwtc.net [mailto:djlove@gwtc.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mountain lion season

Dear Commissioners,

Like many other South Dakotas I choose to live in this state because of its abundance of natural beauty. More than anything else I enjoy watching wildlife in its parks and national forests. Along with some of the prominent cougar experts who have been keeping track of the state's lion management program, I am concerned that these beautiful animals once again are being extirpated here. I believe that the number of cats to be taken in the next hunting season should be reduced, and I oppose any plan that would allow non-residents to hunt lions here.

Sincerely,

Judy Love,

Custer

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mt lion non resident
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:06:46 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Rod Sather [<mailto:bison@gwtc.net>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:42 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mt lion non resident

I think is a good idea.
Rod Sather , vivian,sd

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mt Lion Proposal
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:05:56 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Joe.arbachins [<mailto:joe.arbachins@venturecomm.net>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:23 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mt Lion Proposal

Please do not allow out of state hunters. I am still trying to get a lion.
Sincerely,
Joe Arbach
14384 320th Ave
Hoven SD 57450

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Mt. Lions & non-resident opportunity
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:07:43 AM

From: Scott Hed [mailto:scotthed@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 6:28 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Mt. Lions & non-resident opportunity

Thank you for considering my comments.

South Dakota's mountain lion seasons have been backed by scientific data, and the take has been conservatively managed. The lion seasons have been deemed successful, and the opportunity to hunt these big cats should be a sustainable one for South Dakota hunters.

Why would we want to increase the number of overall tags, when the current way of doing businesses seems to be working just fine?

Why would that increase come at the expense of South Dakota resident hunters, whose numbers would be cut, and simultaneously change policy to allow non-resident hunters?

While I don't hunt mountain lions personally, I do support my fellow South Dakota resident hunters, whom I believe ought to continue their opportunity while not losing that opportunity to non-resident hunters.

Thank you again.

Scott Hed
Sioux Falls

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: n res mountain lion season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 2:02:44 PM

From: tma@midconetwork.com [mailto:tma@midconetwork.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 1:56 PM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Subject: n res mountain lion season

please count my vote as a no. john henderson 1101 westwood dr pierre sd 57501

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: No Out of state licenses for Mt. Lions
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 2:06:27 PM
Importance: High

From: Widman Financial [mailto:widmanfinancial@swiftel.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 12:58 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: No Out of state licenses for Mt. Lions
Importance: High

The SDWF is against issuing out of state licenses for Mt. Lions. We feel the lion numbers are too low to also support out of state hunters, and that out of state licenses will promote more commercialization -which will eventually lead to including hounds.

South Dakotan residents should be the only folks allowed to hunt this trophy animal.

thanks,
Rich Widman
President
SDWF

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non resident lion hunt.
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:13:28 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce Mair [<mailto:bruce.mair1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:03 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non resident lion hunt.

It just boggles my mind that South Dakota would even consider opening lion hunting to nonresidents. It makes absolutely no sense to cut back on South Dakota licenses and then turn around and open it up to nonresidents. It makes us wonder who you actually represent. Please don't even consider allowing nonresidents to hunt lions in South Dakota.

Bruce Mair
Sioux Falls
Member SDWF

Sent from my iPad

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non Resident Lion Season
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:08:58 AM

From: Steve [mailto:sacherkas@msn.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 4:32 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non Resident Lion Season

As a non-resident land owner I look forward to an opportunity to hunt mountain lions. I have a nice big male showing up regularly on my trail camera. He seems to have thinned down the mule deer population quite a bit this year.

Are you on track to finalize this at the next meeting so that the first season will be this coming Dec 15 - Mar 16?

Steve Cherkas
Johnston, Iowa

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non resident mountain lion hunting
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:03:20 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: pie.midco.net, jengbrecht
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 4:05 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non resident mountain lion hunting

Please do not allow non residents to hunt mountain lions here in South Dakota. It is a huge privilege to hunt these great animals and it should be only residents to get that chance.

Jason Engbrecht

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non resident mountain lion licenses.
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:22:55 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Terry Harmel [<mailto:harmelt@icloud.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 12:16 PM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Subject: Re: Non resident mountain lion licenses.

Terry Harmel
1336 South Lake Drive
wAtertown, SD

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 29, 2015, at 9:13 AM, Miller, LouAnn <LouAnn.Miller@state.sd.us> wrote:
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> I have received your comment below and in order to include in the public hearing minutes, please
reply with your first name, last name, city, and state.
>
> Thank you
> LouAnn Miller
> SD Game Fish & Parks
> Phone number 605-223-7660
>
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Terry Harmel [<mailto:harmelt@icloud.com>]
> Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:32 AM
> To: GFP Wild Info
> Subject: Non resident mountain lion licenses.
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>
> Vote No on allowing non resident lion hunting. Thankyou.
> Sent from my iPad

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non Resident Mountain Lion Season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:09:40 AM

From: Jim Twamley [mailto:jim.twamley1@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 8:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non Resident Mountain Lion Season

Please do not approve of expanding the existing Mountain Lion Season to non residents. The current program is meeting the goals of the Department and provides residents with the opportunity to harvest a truly unique animal.

If the Department wishes to increase the harvest numbers that could be accomplished by reopening the season during the Black hills Deer seasons.

JIM Twamley
PO Box 641
Parker, SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Nonresident Mountain License Proposal
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:14:36 AM

From: Curt Tesch [mailto:curtaps@venturecomm.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:33 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Nonresident Mountain License Proposal

I do not understand how you can consider opening up mountain lion hunting to nonresidents when at the same time you are reducing the chances of resident hunters by reducing license quotas. If reducing the quotas is appropriate, please do so but do not open the state up to more nonresident hunting.

Curt Tesch
Associated Production Services
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605-537-4565
curtaps@venturecomm.net
<http://www.manaonline.org/member/associatedproductionservices>

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non-resident Mt. Lion Season
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:02:38 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

From: John and Tammy [<mailto:tj.morgen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:39 AM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Subject: RE: Non-resident Mt. Lion Season

May I also add, there are many other states that have a larger and more sustainable lion population that offer lion hunting opportunities to non-residents. Thanks again for your consideration.

John Morgenstern
Rapid City, SD

From: Miller, LouAnn [<mailto:LouAnn.Miller@state.sd.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 7:11 AM
To: 'John and Tammy'
Subject: RE: Non-resident Mt. Lion Season

I have received your comment below and in order to include in the public hearing minutes, please reply with your first name, last name, city, and state.

Thank you
LouAnn Miller
SD Game Fish & Parks
Phone number 605-223-7660



From: John and Tammy [<mailto:tj.morgen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 9:04 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non-resident Mt. Lion Season

Please, DO NOT open the SD mountain lion season to non-residents. It is apparent the lion population is not as robust as previously thought since the number of lions being taken has been going down and the number of permits is being reduced. Why would we want to allow non-resident lion hunting when the opportunity for residents is being reduced? Certainly the limited number of non-resident tags would not be a financial boom for GF&P. Let's keep our lions for our residents. Thank you for your consideration.

John Morgenstern
SD Resident

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non-resident Waterfowl licenses
Date: Monday, September 28, 2015 9:25:06 AM

From: Brian Lomica [mailto:brian.lomica@fbfs.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 7:44 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Cc: Johnson, Rich (rich.johnson@mercerc.com); Shannon, Brent (BRENT.SHANNON@LibertyMutual.com)
Subject: Non-resident Waterfowl licenses

To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to encourage the state of South Dakota Fish and Game to increase the number of Non-resident waterfowl licenses that are available each and every year. My father owns the family farm, near Kimball, in which he grew up on and I spent countless days on the farm in my youth. I have hunted in South Dakota for the last 40 years and consider it the best days of my hunting. It is discouraging when you are unsuccessful in the annual application process and I am unable to spend time at the family farm hunting waterfowl in the fall.

I appreciate your time and consideration and again encourage the state of South Dakota to improve the non-resident hunting opportunities.

Brian Lomica
P & C Quality Assurance Auditor
Claims Administration
Farm Bureau Financial Services
FBL Financial Group, Inc.
Ph: 515-226-6750

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From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: nonresident waterfowl
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:42:28 AM

From: Matt Owens, MD [mailto:matt.owens@redfieldcmh.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2015 10:41 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: nonresident waterfowl

Matthew Owens
Redfield SD
38747 176th strt

I am opposed to any expansion of NonResident waterfowl licenses/access.

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Non-residents and Mt. Lions
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:23:44 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

From: kotajake@reagan.com [mailto:kotajake@reagan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:11 AM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Subject: RE: Non-residents and Mt. Lions

-----Original Message-----

From: "Miller, LouAnn" <LouAnn.Miller@state.sd.us>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:07am
To: "kotajake@reagan.com" <kotajake@reagan.com>
Subject: RE: Non-residents and Mt. Lions

I have received your comment below and in order to include in the public hearing minutes, please reply with your first name, last name, city, and state.

Thank you
LouAnn Miller
SD Game Fish & Parks
Phone number 605-223-7660



From: kotajake@reagan.com [mailto:kotajake@reagan.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 9:57 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Non-residents and Mt. Lions

Leave the lion season to the residents. Start bring in the non-residents and they will want us to allow them to bring in dogs to hunt lions. I think the residents do a good job of keeping the lion population in check. I hunt behind Piedmont and around Nemo and I have noticed since the lion season started is the increase in Elk and deer in those areas again.

Thank You

Jerome Besler
Piedmont, SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: October Commission Meeting - Non Resident License Petition
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:21:06 PM

From: Mitchell Reuss [mailto:mitch.reuss@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2015 2:13 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: October Commission Meeting - Non Resident License Petition

I am writing this email in regards to a petition listed on the October meeting agenda. It has been made overwhelmingly clear that the majority of resident and non resident hunters are vehemently opposed to any changes in the current allocation of non resident waterfowl licenses. To spend further consideration on this matter is an absolute waste of the commission's time given the amount of effort that was put forth studying this issue over the past 6 months. This petition is clearly just another attempt by commercial interests to change policy solely to fatten their wallets.

Mitchell Reuss
Sioux Falls, SD

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: out of state hunters
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 10:05:32 AM

From: Judy Carroll [mailto:judy.carroll@redfieldcmh.org]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:14 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: out of state hunters

Good morning.

I'm writing in support of welcoming out of state hunters to our state of South Dakota. I believe the economy benefits greatly from their days they spend in South Dakota. South Dakota has a lot to offer the hunters and their families when they are visiting. The friendships and lasting relationship that have developed over the years are irreplaceable.

Please open up our state and arms and "WELCOME" the hunters and families to our great state of South Dakota!

Thank you.

Judy Carroll
Administrative Assistant



Community Memorial Hospital

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Redfield SD 57469
605-472-1110
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judy.carroll@redfieldcmh.org

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Please Help Save the Lives of Mountain Lions
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:49:37 AM
Attachments: [image006.png](#)

From: valeria999v [mailto:valeria999v@aol.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 9:32 AM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Cc: Leslie
Subject: RE: Please Help Save the Lives of Mountain Lions

Thank *you*, Ms. Miller. Here, as per your request, is my essential info:

Leslie Williams
El Cajon, California

I have received your comment below and in order to include in the public hearing minutes, please reply with your first name, last name, city, and state.

Thank you
LouAnn Miller
SD Game Fish & Parks
Phone number 605-223-7660



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To Whom it May Concern at the South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks,

I understand that you are in the process of deciding whether or not to make changes to mountain lion hunting policies in South Dakota. I'm glad you are considering lowering the quota - which would be a step in the right direction. But if you are also allowing out of state visitors to hunt lions, please consider the following:

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- Allowing out of state hunters will commercialize South Dakota's wildlife, over-exploiting an extremely limited natural resource.
- A few hunting guides may get rich from allowing nonresident hunting, at the expense of South Dakota residents and local hunters.
- Sport hunting increases conflicts for local residents through increased depredation and potentially dangerous encounters with young transient lions.
- Ideally,
 - - All mountain lion hunting should be stopped until we know the health of the lion breeding population in South Dakota, and the health of the populations in neighboring states expected to provide dispersing lions into South Dakota.

Hounding has been banned in two-thirds of the United States. This is an archaic and cruel practice for both wild animals and domestic dogs that should be banned in South Dakota.

Thank you for your attention to this vital matter,

Sincerely,
Leslie Ann Williams

From: Miller, LouAnn
To: Comes, Rachel
Subject: FW: Please think carefully on this limit. Conserve South Dakota's fragile mountain lion population
Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 8:12:43 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: The Humane Society of the United States [<mailto:humanesociety@hsus.org>]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 10:35 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Please think carefully on this limit. Conserve South Dakota's fragile mountain lion population

Sep 28, 2015

South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks Commission

South Dakota's mountain lions are wild icons who deserve far better protections for future generation. As an official managing South Dakota's greatest cat, I ask you to uphold your public trust duties to manage mountain lions for all.

I believe way too many of our mountain lions are being killed every year. And every year it has taken longer & longer to reach the limit on kills, which tells me they are getting scarce again. Manage our mountain lions with science not guns. I also believe there is no way to actually count these lions accurately & it is too easy to inflate the count to appease hunters and make the limit higher. I, for one, am sick of the killing of our wildlife. Who made us the judge and jury to decide how many live & how many die.

South Dakota Game Fish and Parks proposes to reduce its mountain lion hunting "harvest limit" on the Black Hills Fire Protection Unit by a modest amount. While going from a limit of 75 to 60 and female sublimit of 50 to 40 is a good first step, it is not nearly enough. Since 2010, South Dakota's mountain lion population has declined by 30 percent with far too many females dying. This kind of management suppresses the population, which has terrible conservation and ethical consequences.

I would like to emphasize that female cats should especially be protected. Killing mother cats puts their dependent kittens into jeopardy. Without their mothers, young kittens will die from dehydration, malnutrition or predation, which are all ethical problems.

Second, female cats do not disperse far from the areas of their births, so killing them can limit population recovery, which is a conservation concern for South Dakota.

South Dakota's mountain lions deserve to be managed using the best available science, with their populations protected from heavy levels of trophy hunting, and managed for all citizens so that they will be protected for future generations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Teresa Hicks
4590 N Elk Vale Rd
Rapid City, SD 57701-8514
(605) 390-1278
kindredspirits3@gmail.com

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed bobcat season changes - game commission
Date: Monday, September 21, 2015 7:56:15 AM

From: Ted Wick [mailto:wick@gwtc.net]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 9:47 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Proposed bobcat season changes - game commission

Dear sirs:

I respectfully request that no changes be made to the SD bobcat trapping season. The increased running of hounds risks the potential of accidental bobcat depredation, in particular of kittens during the young bobcat season. Please accept the SDGF&P proposal to continue the trapping season dates and regulations the same as the past two seasons.

Sincerely,
Roland T Wick

28023 Cascade Road
Hot Springs, SD 57747
605 745 4164
wick@gwtc.net

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Public Comment
Date: Monday, August 03, 2015 10:27:30 AM

From: Chris Holmes [mailto:chris-sd@hotmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 02, 2015 10:06 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Public Comment

Hello, GFP,

I would like to see a proposal to suspend pheasant hunting on public lands only during opening weekend of rifle deer season. Or, at least, the East River Deer Season Opener. I am an avid hunter who hunts primarily on public lands. I have found it increasingly difficult to hunt deer on public lands due to the presence of pheasant hunters and dogs. I spend a lot of time scouting, sitting and watching different wildlife. I am usually fairly certain of where the whitetail I am after will be on opening day; and I am always in my blind at least an hour before daylight. Nothing is more discouraging than putting all that work into harvesting an animal only to have it ruined by 20 jackasses with 7 dogs and out-of-state plates!

There is also the safety aspect of having one group of hunters with high-powered rifles having to constantly watch-out for the pheasant hunting groups that don't seem to understand when they are actually in harm's way. Having too many hunters in the field also contributes greatly to "road hunting" of deer. I have heard the comment made time and time again that: "if you don't have private land to hunt, you don't have a chance." Although I have proven that statement wrong, I also have to walk 3/4 of a mile back into a dog-leg section of public land, sit on the back side of a slough, and be in my stand before daylight just to escape the presence of pheasant hunters. I talked with an older gentleman last year late in the season who was not having much luck. I offered that he could hunt in my spot (since I had already harvested a deer.) But, when I showed him where it was on the walk-in map, he declined. Simply saying: "there's no way I can walk in that far" Now, why shouldn't he have the same opportunity that I do? Why should we have to hide a mile back into public land just for the opportunity to shoot a deer?

All I am asking for is two days that we might hunt deer in a more sportsman-like (and safe) manner.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Chris Holmes
P.O. Box 132

Hosmer, SD 57448

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
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Subject: FW: Re:
Date: Wednesday, September 30, 2015 8:36:27 AM
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From: Ron Binger [mailto:ronbjeanb@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 10:32 PM
To: Miller, LouAnn
Subject: Re:

Ron Binger
Lake City, South Dakota

On Tue, Sep 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM, Miller, LouAnn <LouAnn.Miller@state.sd.us> wrote:
I have received your comment below and in order to include in the public hearing minutes, please reply with your first name, last name, city, and state.

Thank you
LouAnn Miller
SD Game Fish & Parks
Phone number [605-223-7660](tel:605-223-7660)



From: Ron Binger [mailto:ronbjeanb@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 5:33 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject:

I would recommend that non-residents are not able to get a SD Mt Lion tag. I feel these tags should all be give to the residents of the state.
Ron Binger

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: second season deer hunting
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 9:02:29 AM

From: Janel Brandt [mailto:whirlwind@venturecomm.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 8:58 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: second season deer hunting

I am writing to express my opinion on the removal of the second season of antlerless deer hunting. Think of all the college kids that have to travel quite a distance to hunt on parents or grandparents land. The second season is during their Christmas vacation and some times especially depending on the weather, that is the only time they are able to hunt. Usually these kids travel and arrive home late on a Friday night, have Saturday to hunt and have to travel back again on Sunday. The competition with the pheasant hunters is pretty high in the earlier part of the first deer season. Deer are agitated and nervous after being chased out of their CRP and tree belts day after day and week after week. During that second season, the pheasant hunting usually slows somewhat and deer seem more relaxed, and go back to their favorite spots again. I thank you for listening to my opinion on this matter. I sent a similar email but did not include all of the information that you requested sorry. Todd A. Brandt from Bowdle, SD



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From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Stop Killing Mountain Lions!
Date: Thursday, August 20, 2015 7:59:33 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: itsedh@softcom.net [<mailto:itsedh@softcom.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 19, 2015 7:06 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Stop Killing Mountain Lions!

Please stop killing mountain lions to meet someone's (hunters') expectation of a kill.
Let them learn to do without that manly trophy.
Let Nature's top of the hill animals live their lives in peace, not murder.
Respectfully,

Edh Stanley
Sacramento, CA

From: [Miller, LouAnn](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Stop!
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:17:41 AM

From: mikki terzian [mailto:mikki.terzian@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2015 11:16 AM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Stop!

Stop hunting mountain lions! They provide a service to our world that humans cannot.

Mikki Terzian

From: [Cary, Joe](#)
To: [Comes, Rachel](#)
Subject: FW: Trapping regulations
Date: Friday, September 18, 2015 2:03:21 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: JeanOwen [<mailto:jomeadows65@gmail.com>]
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2015 1:44 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Trapping regulations

Please leave trapping regulations , as proposed, unchanged.

Owen Meadows
Box 423 Hot Springs, S.D. 57747

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From: [Kiel, Emily](#)
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For public comment.

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Subject: FW: HSUS mountain lion comments

FYI - I assume they sent this in for comment, but wanted to be sure,

John Kanta
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-----Original Message-----

From: Wendy Keefover [<mailto:wkeefover@humanesociety.org>]
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 2:48 PM
To: Kanta, John
Subject: HSUS mountain lion comments

Hi John,

I wanted to reach out to you and send you our comments.

Although we are not in 100% agreement with the GFP position (we think the harvest limits should be further lowered), I want to say how much I appreciate your cordial and professional manner.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Cheers,

Wendy

Wendy Keefover

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Re: Mountain Lion (*Puma concolor*) Trophy Hunting

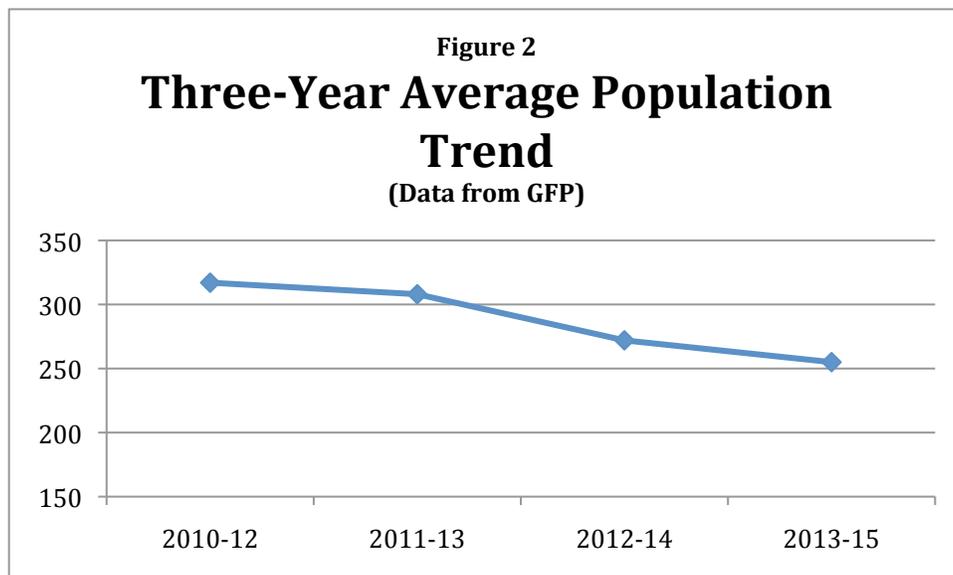
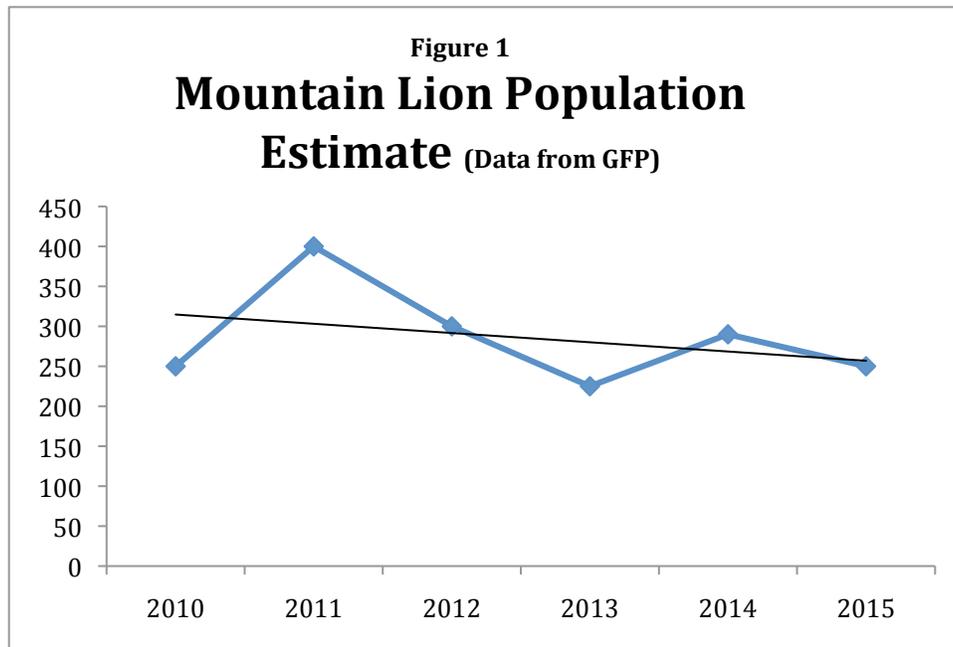
Dear Chairman Cooper and Commission Members:

On behalf of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and our supporters in South Dakota, we submit the following comments in support of South Dakota Game, Fish and Park's (GFP's) recommendation to reduce mountain lion harvest limits from 75 total cats to 60; reduce female harvest limits from 50 to 40 cats; and reduce access and permits allowed on Custer State Park. However, while these reductions are a needed course correction, they are not nearly enough to maintain a sustainable mountain lion population in South Dakota, a concern not only for animal welfare advocates, but also for mountain lion hunters, according to a recent survey conducted by GFP.

South Dakota's 2015 mountain lion population is approximately 250 animals. A harvest limit of 75 allows a 30 percent offtake rate, which is not a "safety net" as "harvest limits" imply; instead, we are witness to unsustainable management of rare, but iconic wildlife (e.g., Beausoleil et al. 2013).

Furthermore, a GFP recorded that 31% to 50% of females were in the hunter kill during the period 2009-2015. In comparison, Wyoming only permits the killing of between 20 to 25% of its females. Far too many females are killed in South Dakota. Permitting the hunt of females results in added kitten mortality with concomitant suffering.

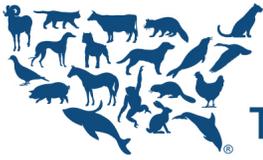
South Dakota's lion population is in decline, primarily because of trophy hunting. Figures 1 and 2. South Dakota's mountain lion population has declined nearly 40% since 2011, or by 20% if we use GFP's population trend. Either offtake amount is too extreme because harvest limits are set far too high and far too many females are killed, which harms South Dakota's mountain lion population. Much more must be done to protect and conserve South Dakota's fragile mountain lion population.



South Dakota's Mountain Lion Population is in Decline. Figures 1 & 2

Figure 1 shows a 38% decrease from 2011 to 2015

Figure 2, using averaged numbers, shows a 20% decrease from 2010-12 to 2013-15



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I. The GFP permits heavy persecution, not a “conservative management approach” recommended by mountain lion biologists.

Mountain lions occur at low densities relative to their primary prey making them sensitive to both bottom-up (prey declines) and top-down (human persecution) influences (Stoner et al. 2006). Trophy hunting cougars is their major source of mortality (Logan and Sweanor 2001, Cougar Management Guidelines 2005, Stoner et al. 2006, Robinson and Desimone 2011, Stoner et al. 2013b, Wolfe et al. 2015). See: Figure 3.

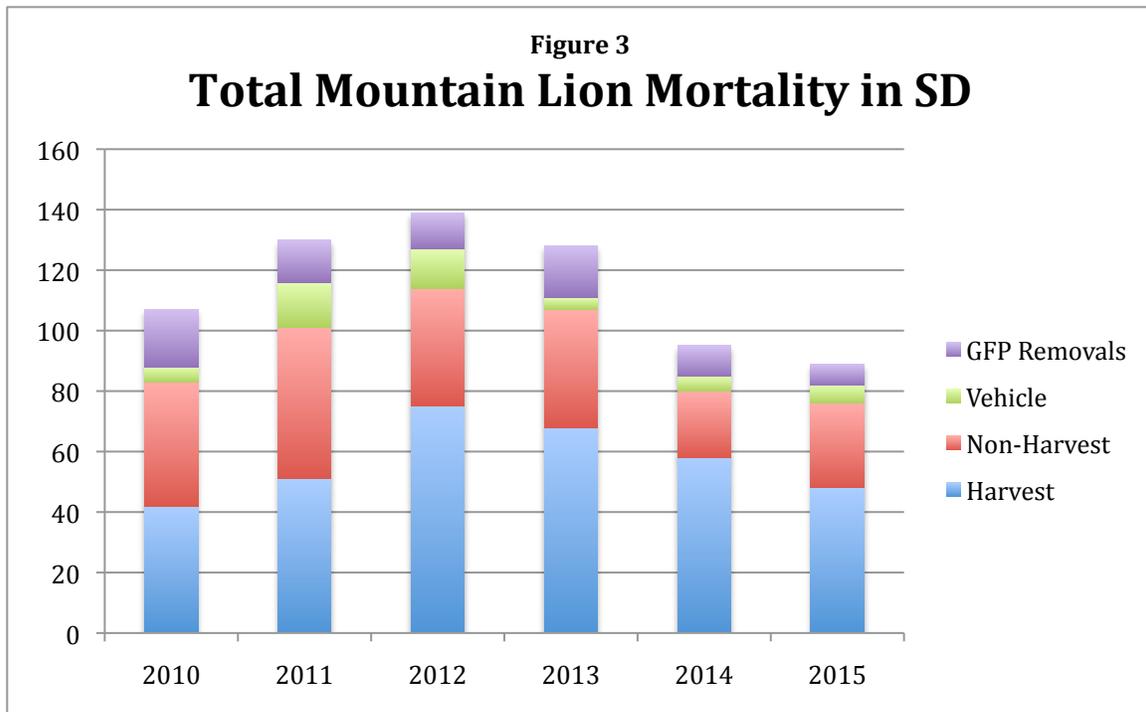
Humans are unsustainable “super predators” of rare carnivore species (Dairmont et al. 2015). It seems that the only thing that ensures mountain lion continuity in South Dakota are *de facto* refugia and suboptimal habitats (e.g., Stoner et al. 2006, Stoner et al. 2013a, Stoner et al. 2013b). That is because South Dakota mountain lions are managed using a “sledgehammer approach” (Logan and Sweanor 2001, Robinson and Desimone 2011). That is, heavy hunting regimes designed to suppress South Dakota’s mountain lion population.

Mountain lion biologists, Wolfe et al. (2015) Laundré and Clark (2003), recommend that wildlife decisionmakers manager mountain lions at a metapopulation level rather than at the single population level. Wolfe et al. (2015) warn: “We recommend a conservative management approach be adopted to preclude potential over-harvest . . .” (Wolfe et al. 2015, p. 195).

Yet, in South Dakota, mountain lions experience *additive* levels of mortality (e.g., Robinson et al. 2014, Wolfe et al. 2015). To compensate for individuals lost, mountain lion biologists recommend that other mountain lions be allowed to “replenish” the heavily exploited areas—the Black Hills and Custer State Park, which means that South Dakota must reduce hunting levels to even greater levels to ensure their conservation (Wolfe et al. 2015).

III. Trophy hunting mountain lions causes additional mortalities in a population, particularly to mothers and their kittens.

Contrary to popular perception, the killing of male mountain lions does not increase the survival of females or increase productivity of a population (Stoner et al. 2013a, Wielgus et al. 2014). Study results showed that hunting males caused an overall decline in the population through the loss of fecundity, the indirect loss of kittens and juveniles (through infanticide), and on females themselves (because they too have greater chance of being hunted too) (Stoner et al. 2006, Wielgus et al. 2014, Wolfe et al. 2015). The best available science also indicates that after a hunting regime, mountain lions experience social chaos from the disruption of both their social structure and land tenure systems.



Comparison: Sources of Mountain Lion Mortality: Most Comes from “Harvest”

When trophy hunters remove the stable adult mountain lions from a population, it encourages subadult males to immigrate, leading to greater aggression between cats and mortalities to adult females and subsequent infanticide (Lambert et al. 2006, Cooley et al. 2009b, Robinson and Desimone 2011, Wielgus et al. 2013, Robinson et al. 2014).

In heavily hunted populations, female mountain lions particularly experience higher levels of intraspecific aggression resulting in predation on themselves and their kittens (Stoner et al. 2013a, Wielgus et al. 2013). Trophy hunting adult females ensures the death by dehydration and malnutrition for orphaned kittens, even those who are at least six months old (Stoner et al. 2006).

Over-hunting a mountain lion population can change the demographics of a population to one with more male subadults (Lambert et al. 2006, Stoner et al. 2006, Robinson et al. 2008, Cooley et al. 2009a, Cooley et al. 2009b, Beausoleil et al. 2013, Peebles et al. 2013). Overhunting harms a population’s ability to recruit new members if too many adult females are removed (Anderson and Lindzey 2005).

Hunting mountain lions results not only in the direct mortality but has an additive effect of causing kitten orphaning and their subsequent starvation and population reduction (Stoner et al. 2006, Stoner et al. 2013a, Robinson et al. 2014). Also, studies show where there are heavy hunting pressures, hunter mortality exacerbates other causes of mountain lion mortality, including



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intraspecific strife; prey-pursuit injuries; vehicle collisions; predator control actions; poaching; starvation and disease (see: Beausoleil et al. 2013).

IV. Trophy hunting mountain lions increases complaints and livestock losses.

A Washington state study shows that as mountain lion complaints increased, wildlife officials lengthened seasons and increased bag limits to respond to what they believed was a rapidly growing mountain lion population. However, the public's perception of an increasing population and greater numbers of livestock depredations was actually a result of a declining female and increasing male population (Peebles et al. 2013, citing Lambert et al. 2006 and Robinson et al. 2008). Heavy hunting of mountain lions caused compensatory immigration and emigration by young male mountain lions, and resulted in no net change in the population (Ibid.).

Study authors found that the sport hunting of mountain lions to reduce complaints and livestock depredations had the opposite effect. Killing mountain lions disrupts their social structure and increases both complaints and livestock depredations (Peebles et al. 2013).

Hunting disrupts mountain lions' sex-age structure and tilts a population to one that is comprised of younger males, who are more likely to engage in livestock depredations than animals in stable, older population (Peebles et al. 2013).

To emphasize: sport hunting changes the demographics (sex and age) and density of a mountain lion population (Lambert et al. 2006, Stoner et al. 2006, Robinson et al. 2008, Cooley et al. 2009a, Cooley et al. 2009b). If the mountain lion in a home range is removed or killed, the vacancy likely will attract a younger, dispersing animal (e.g., Lambert et al. 2006).

Therefore, both South Dakota's drastic sport hunting coupled with indiscriminate predator-control programs can easily destabilize the mountain lion population, which leads to increased conflicts with humans and livestock (Lambert et al. 2006, Peebles et al. 2013).

V. Mountain lions are vital to their ecosystems, and indirectly improve human health through predation.

Maehr et al. (2003: 849) assert the importance of mountain lion on the landscape:

One aspect of cougar ecology that is becoming less debatable is its role in biotic communities . . . *P. concolor* has the potential to structure the distribution and demography of prey (Logan and Sweaner 2001, Maehr et al. 2001). Browse lines, highway collisions, Lyme disease (Wilson and Childs 1997), loss of biodiversity (Alverson et al. 1988, Waller and Alverson 1997), and other problems associated with overabundant white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) hint at the benefits of returning such a predator . . .



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In Zion National Park, researchers found that by modulating deer populations, mountain lions prevented overgrazing near fragile riparian systems. The result: more cottonwoods, rushes, cattails, wildflowers, amphibians, lizards, and butterflies, and deeper, but narrower stream channels (Ripple and Beschta 2006). In other words, cougars enhance biological diversity, including other imperiled species.

Because the Midwest and Eastern U.S. is largely devoid of top carnivores, mountain lions serve an important ecological role, including the ecosystem services (e.g., Weaver et al. 1996, Ripple and Beschta 2006, Estes et al. 2011) they provide.

VI. Conclusion:

The GFP Commission must conserve all wildlife populations, including mountain lions for all the public. They are iconic and rare. The GFP's proposal to reduce harvest limits and access to Custer State Park is a good first step, but must more be done to conserve these wild cats for all and for future generations.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Darci Adams, South Dakota State Director
The Humane Society of the United States
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Comes, Rachel

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Sent: Friday, September 25, 2015 12:10 PM
To: GFP Wild Info
Subject: Sept. 2015 commission letter

Please forward this letter to the SD GF&P Commissioners to be read and considered at the October 1st commission meeting in Spearfish.

Thank you,
Larry Bowden
Hot Springs SD

President of "Western South Dakota Fur Harvesters Association"

Western South Dakota Fur Harvesters Association

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September 25th 2015

Dear SD GF&P Commissioners,

As officers and directors of Western South Dakota Fur Harvesters Association we would like to voice our support to the bobcat season proposal submitted by Game Fish & Parks for the 2015-2016 season. This proposal is based on data from the "Bobcat Harvest Summary" of the 2014-2015 season compiled by SD GF&P staff, supported by data from the University of Idaho and Matson's laboratories of Montana. We support having the exact same dates and regulations as we have had the previous two seasons for west river and the addition of five counties to the east river season. At our annual meeting on September 12th we discussed this proposal with our membership and it was overwhelmingly supported by our members.

Pertaining to bobcats some of our members had a concern about hounds being run before season for training. On page 40 of the current "Hunting and Trapping" handbook it addresses dog training in relation to game birds. There are multiple restrictions of training dogs during the majority of the closed bird season, we assume to protect the young birds and nesting hens. We could not find any regulations concerning the running of hounds during any closed furbearer season. Our members concerns were for the possibility of juvenile bobcats being caught on the ground by hounds thus having a negative impact on the bobcat population.

We would like to suggest that GF&P survey trappers as to how many bobcats we may have released from our traps during the season. WSDFHA encourages trappers to release unharmed juvenile and female bobcats from our traps to help ensure a continued healthy population. We recognize that bobcats are difficult to get data on and this information may help to estimate population numbers.

We have participated in two meetings with GF&P personnel this year to discuss fur harvesting and trapping items. We appreciate these meetings and feel that it is time well spent.

Sincerely,

Larry Bowden, President WSDFHA

Jeremiah Heath, Vice President WSDFHA

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