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Game, Fish and Parks Commission
Joe Foss Building
523 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501
C/o Jon Kotilnek - Jon.Kotilnek@state.sd.us

Dear Commissioners,

PETITION FOR RULEMAKING Submitted pursuant to SDCL 1-26-13.

Nancy Hilding and Prairie Hills Audubon Society of Western SD submit this petition. Nancy Hilding is a resident of Meade County, SD. Prairie Hills Audubon Society is a non-profit corporation registered in SD and as such is a person by SD law and Supreme Court decisions.

RULE TO BE AMENDED – Mountain lion Hunting

41:06:61:06. **Application requirements -- License and season restrictions -- Special conditions -- Carcass check-in procedures.** The following requirements, restrictions, special conditions, and procedures apply to all applications for license and to all licenses issued under this chapter:

Change Requested

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Add this new sections to [41:06:61:06](#):

12) Hunters using hounds must have GPS/stimulation collars (e-collars) placed on the hounds.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

At the July Commission meeting proponents of hound hunting argued that the public's fear of trespass from hound hunting of lions is a historic and unfounded fear as hound hunters now uses GPS/stimulation collars (e-collars). Such collars are alleged to prevent trespass. As it is alleged every hound hunter now has such, it should be no hardship or controversy to require the use of such collars.

Here is a link to look at a comparative selection of such collars:

Visit: <https://www.sportingdogpro.com/dog-training-collars/hound-hunting>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Hilding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish at the end.

Nancy Hilding

President Prairie Hills Audubon Society

For the Society and myself as an individual