

Hound hunting objections talking points:

- ~ Mountain lion pursuit with hounds is cruelty to lions and dogs
- ~ Mountain lion pursuit with hounds will result in more trespassing
- ~ Mountain lion pursuit with hounds will create disturbance to people, livestock and wildlife (including mule deer). Disturbance of wildlife can stress them.
- ~ Mountain lion pursuit with hounds will stress lions, especially in heavy snow or extreme heat, which will be especially hard for mothers with young.
- ~ Mountain lion kittens stay with moms for 18 months and moms can give birth any time of the year. Hound hunters may separate moms from kittens. They are not supposed to kill treed lions showing proof of lactation or follow tracks of two or more lions, but some mothers will still be separated from their young for a while or be killed, leaving their kittens unprotected or unfed. Video on moms/kittens:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFITZD_IYNA
- ~ Mountain lion pursuit with hounds is not fair chase
- ~ Mountain lion hunting with hounds is more efficient than “boot hunting” and will result in less lions available for “boot hunters” (hunters not using dogs)
- ~ Mountain lion hunting by hounds will result in more commercialization of hunting, as some hound hunters will be hired as guides/outfitters. People with money to hire dogs, will thus be more likely to get a lion than those who can't afford such.