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**Jon Olson**

**Madison SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

There is no reason to keep Lynn and Opitz at 2 walleye limit. I understand those regulations were put in place 25 years ago to keep harvest from getting crazy. But, it seems like GFP forgot that it was still in place.

## Mountain Lion Action Plan

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**Joseph Lista**

**Englishtown NJ**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support using hounds to pursue mountain lion because that's the only practical way to manage their numbers. Houndsman can also be selective by passing up females or cubs.

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**Patrick Johnson**

**Racine WI**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of hounds within the fire protection district.

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**Nicole Walker**

**Rochester WY**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support allowing hounds.

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**Ronnie Gaskins**

**Tifton GA**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please allow the Hunting of mountain lions with hounds.

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**Jeff Lenards**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I would like to the use of dogs for mt. Lions in the black hills. In my my opinion cwd is a percentage of the lower deer numbers in the hills. Mountain lion numbers are increasing due to the fact that there is getting fewer people interested in hunting them due to the mild winters and fewer snow in order to track and its getting harder to hunt them

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**Tim Lohse**

**Buffalo WY**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of hounds in the Fire Protection District of the Black Hills.

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**Braden Simkins**

**Rocksprings WY**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Casey Koch**

**Box Elder SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Let us hunt with dogs in the hills

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**Logan Julander**

**Cody WY**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Management of lions is essential in a quality game herd  
Use of electronic calls and spot and stalk are not the most effective proven way to sex an animal or to see if it is a female with kittens  
Hound hunting is effective in both areas and allows the hunter to o be selective in there harvest

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**Jason Butler**

**Lolo MT**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Thank you for your time.

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**Jill Fredrickson**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Teah Homsey-Pray**

**Deadwood SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Please take a close look at the science behind this A-pex predator. Mountain lions are needed to balance nature. Some of the practices to hunt these animals are cruel and certainly give the hunter the advantage. Please inform yourselves on both sides of this issue.

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**Kathy Steffen**

**Hot Springs SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

We need to keep them protected so they are not killed unless necessary.

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**D S**

**Eagle Bute SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Marsha Seas**

**Brookings SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

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**Lisa Savonrn**

**Aberdeen SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

I'm not sure what the action plan is but I oppose shooting mountain lions for sport/trophy hunting. These apex predators are necessary to maintain the delicate balance of our ecosystems! Believe me I am not a crazy liberal and this really isn't a political thing/ if you want to have our beautiful wildlife available for generations to come, please leave the cougars alone ! Also if you kill a mother cougar you are also killing her kittens because they can't survive without their mother! It's very cruel. Please do not make it legal for these creatures to be trophy hunted! In California this is banned and thus the cougar populations are growing.

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**Linda Palzkill**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

As a South Dakota resident and one who lives in the Black Hills, I truly oppose and hope that the lion season will come to an end. The senseless slaughter of these beautiful animals needs to stop. I miss the female lion that used to live next to us in the national forest. She would bring her cubs by our house every year so we could see them. It was such a beautiful sight to see. We haven't seen her or any other lion since the second year of the season opening. She and her cubs would keep the deer population down around the neighborhood but not anymore. Although I like having deer around, I don't like them eating everything in my yard. Please stop killing these beautiful animals.

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**Connie Ryan**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Eric Magnuson**

**Deadwood SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I currently oppose the Mtn Lion Action Plan in SD. We have had little trouble with them and livestock. As a Deadwood resident, we have had no issues with the local cats. Here in the Presidential neighborhood, we had one last Spring that made several camera appearances. No pets were harmed. The deer in town are not as bad as they used to be either. We do not have in town deer hunting, like Lead does. Anyways, keep the cat population healthy until there are issues. Thanks.

Eric Magnuson  
MAJ, US ARMY (RET)

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**Janel Mikkelson**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

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**Donna Handley**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Elizabeth Perkins**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

As a SD resident, I am writing to urge GFPD to end or significantly reduce or end trophy hunting of mountain lions as well as hunting with hounds.as the Mountain Lion Action Plan is updated.

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**Kevin Perkins**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Kristofer Kotelman**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

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**James Tirey**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

As a lifelong resident of South Dakota, I have to say I oppose the legislated killing of a precious natural predator that calls parts of our state home, mountain lions. While there are very few females left, there are even fewer male mountain lions surviving today in what was their natural habitat. Now, of course, with any mammal, both sexes are required to produce a pride or offspring, meaning the chances that they reproduce is very limited with such a small population. I think hunting on any endangered species' natural habitats should be criminalized. It does a lot more than hurting said species. It leaves a devastating ecological footprint that affects many animals and hurts our image as a kind, generous, and thoughtful community.

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**Laural Bidwell**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

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**Barb Wright**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

You can say: "As a South Dakota resident, I am writing to urge the Game, Fish and Parks Department to end or significantly reduce mountain lion trophy hunting and hunting with hounds as the Mountain Lion Action Plan is updated. Maintaining stable mountain lion social structures is known to reduce conflicts with livestock, and mountain lions are vital for healthy ecosystems. With only a few hundred remaining, it is crucial to protect their population."

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**Manuela Cappellini**

**Piombino AA**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

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**Janet Krause**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Simplest answer...stop mountain lion hunting!

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**Joseph Kosel**

**Lead SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Please do not approve expanded hound hunting for mountain lions. It is not sporting and if hunters are unable to fairly stalk and take a lion then they shouldn't be allowed to kill the animal. Clearly, concerns about the population are heightened by difficulty in location.

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**Julie Hansen**

**Freeman SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Pls do NOT allow such aggressive hunting methods and quota limits on S. Dakota mountain lions. I would like them to be protected and NOT hunted to extinction in our state. They have a right to exist in our state, too. They were here before we were. Thank you, Julie H.

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**Joyce Ramsey**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

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**Louise McGannon**

**Mitchell SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

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**Andreea Picioroaga**

**Vermillion SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

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**Dave Green**

**Lead SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

What is WRONG with you guys? Are you going to hunt them to extinction? Knock it off and get your shit together!

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**Mitchell Fee**

**Burbank SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No hound hunting at all.  
This isn't even a sport with hounds.  
Anyone can tree a cat with a pack of hounds and run down other animals as well. That's not sportsmanship.

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**Debra Reub**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.



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**Kim Giles-Smith**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

As a South Dakota resident, I am writing to urge the Game, Fish and Parks Department to end or significantly reduce mountain lion hunting and stop hunting with hounds as the Mountain Lion Action Plan is updated. I believe hunting mountain lions with dogs is not hunting, it's just slaughter. Hunting used to be pitting your intelligence with that of the animal your hunting. Hunting with dogs is like walking up to an animal in a cage and shooting it. Where is the hunting in that? Maintaining stable mountain lion social structures is known to reduce conflicts with livestock, and mountain lions are vital for a healthy ecosystem. With only a few hundred remaining, crucial to protect their population.

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**Shari Bradstream**

**Box Elder SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Mountain lion territory is quickly disintegrating due to rapid widespread development of residential homes and developer buy-outs. I believe South Dakotans choosing to live close to wildlife territories must be more responsible for their pets and take proper precautions in preparation for wild cats moving through their territory and come upon a domesticated human site. Use your money to educate the humans, put up deterrents and STOP killing the wild animals!

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**Susie Warner**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

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**Mary Jassman**

**Belle Fourche SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

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**Julie Anderson**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I oppose the Mountain Lion Action Plan, specifically on the following points:

1. I oppose hunting 365 on the Statewide/Prairie Unit
2. I oppose hunting in Custer State Park
3. I vehemently oppose hound hunting on the Prairie Unit and Custer State Park. Hunting in a State Park should be abolished, because as the name suggests, it is owned by all the people in the state and should not be turned into an elitist hunting ground. Hound hunting on the prairie invites conflicts of the worst kind when lions have no trees to escape a pack of dogs.
4. I request that connectivity corridors be introduced from the prairie unit to the reservations in order to give lions the ability to refresh population genetics.
5. I oppose the Objective #2 listed on page 11 of the plan:  
  
Manage mountain lion populations for both maximum and quality recreational hunting opportunities, considering all social and biological inputs.”  
  
Wildlife watchers exceed hunters, yet there is no provision to maximize recreational opportunities for the majority of the public.  
  
The locally generated statistics the SDGFP uses (Southwick study) for number of wildlife watchers vs. hunters in SD, does not count wildlife watchers at home, while it counts hunters at home - thus it is unfairly biased/inadequate. SD-Fish-Wildlife-Boating-Economics-Southwick-6-30-22.pdf
6. I oppose to the phrase: “minimize regulation complexity”. The Department uses the goal of simplifying regulations to oppose changes designed to address animal cruelty issues.
7. Lastly, I oppose trophy hunting mountain lions. Trophy hunting is why this "management" plan was initiated in the first place, as SDGFP had the ability to respond to any mountain lion conflicts with people before this management was put in place. The senseless cruelty for the bloodlust of a few is needs to end. Again, the majority of the public does not approve of trophy hunting any animal, and the killing of an apex predator with and without hounds for bragging rights is an abomination against nature.

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**Annette Hof**

**Crooks SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Diane Holman**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please, let's stop the killing and learn to live with these beautiful creatures.

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**Diane Holman**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

"As a South Dakota resident, I am writing to urge the Game, Fish and Parks Department to end or significantly reduce mountain lion trophy hunting and hunting with hounds as the Mountain Lion Action Plan is updated. Maintaining stable mountain lion social structures is known to reduce conflicts with livestock, and mountain lions are vital for healthy ecosystems. With only a few hundred remaining, it is crucial to protect their population."

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**Story Warren**

**Attachment #12887**

**Bend OR**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Please see attached PDF. Thank you.

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**Sara Parker**

**Attachment #12889**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Please see attached pdf for comments.

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**Dean Parker**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

I urge South Dakota Game Fish & Parks to make the following changes to the 2024-2028 South Dakota Mountain Lion Plan:

Remove the entire "Modify and adopt hunting season structure as needed to minimize regulation complexity" line from the plan.

Remove "maximum" from "Manage mountain lion populations for both maximum and quality recreational hunting opportunities" from the plan.

Also concerning mountain lions in South Dakota, I ask GFP to eliminate hound hunting - it is inhumane and unsporting.

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**Nancy Hilding**

**Attachment #12891**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Prairie Hills Audubon Society attaches our comment letter on Draft Mt Lion Action Plan

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**Nancy Hilding**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** other

**Comment:**

Nancy Hilding to SDGFP

I am very grateful you decided to keep the population objective for the mt lions between 200-300 mt lions. I am very grateful you did not add hound hunting to the BHFPD outside of CSP.

I however find you objectives for mountain lions to be to maximize hunting experience really unfortunate...& that you would feel confident to admit to that in so blatantly in public is extremely interesting.

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**Susie Warner**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please save our Mountain Lions ! We are encroaching on their habitat! Stop growth in the mountains!

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**Harv Weis**

**Lecanto FL**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Stop the killing! The majority of Americans value mountain lions alive rather than as trophies.

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**Tate Wells**

**Prairie City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of Hounds in the Black Hills and fire protection district in South Dakota. .

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**Terry Sherwood**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Melissa Sherwood**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Stacey Sherwood**

**Piedmont SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of hounds within the fire protection district as a management tool and to allow those who enjoy hounds to per-sue their passion.

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**Ezra Ahrendt**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I beg u to let us help you manage our Mt lion population plz let us help keep them healthy so we can continue this tradition of hunting w dogs. Thank you for your time

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**William Wise**

**Piedmont SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Luke Steinmetz**

**Hot Spring SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

This will be a very good control it has worked in other states very well

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**Garrett Medley**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Mike Medley**

**Hermosa SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of dogs/ hounds with in the boundaries of the BH National Forest and everywhere else they can be hunted.

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**Matthew Moyes**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Clay Robinson**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Kyla Medley**

**Hermosa SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of Hounds for the harvest of Mt. Lions in the Black Hills National Forest and all other areas where there is a Lion season in SD

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**Kevin Good**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Wade Engle**

**Sturgis SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I am in support of hounds being used in the hunting of mountain lions in the black hills fire protection district. The quotas have not been met for several years and this would help keep the mountain lion population in check

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**Shane Delbridge**

**Sturgis SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I am in support of using dogs to track mountain lions during the hunting seasons.

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**Courtney Ahrendt**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please let us help you manage the Mt lion population.

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**Trenton Aker**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please let us help you manage the Mountain Lion population responsibility. Thank you for your time.

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**Michael Neville**

**Rapid City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

Please let us help you manage the lion population responsibly.

Thank you,

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**Jenna Wells**

**Prairie City SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I support the use of hounds in the fire protection district



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**Barbara Joyce**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Jeff Ulvestad**

**Blackhawk SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

In favor of hounds inside the fire protection district

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**Lance Ordal**

**Sioux Falls SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

I am in support of using hounds in the black hills fire protection district

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**Kenny Guy**

**Box Elder SD**

**Position:** support

**Comment:**

No comment text provided.

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**Nancy Hilding**

**Black Hawk SD**

**Position:** oppose

**Comment:**

Nancy Hilding  
Prairie Hills Audubon Society

I attach our second comment letter on the draft Mt Lion Action Plan

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**Attachment #13018**