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Stop it!! NOW!!

You may be aware as supervisors Turnboo and Parlin are!! Cuz they helped me expose it to Supervisors and stop/ delay it 15 yrs ago!

It's a UN Agenda 21/2030 and World Economic Forum (WEF) plan called Rewilding! Which forces humans out of our rural homes and into "Smart 15 minute cities"!

The WEF tells you the same here:

"Concerns about rewilding include the potential danger of letting nature run wild, as well as people and communities being excluded from rewilding areas."

Do whatever it takes to minimize the deadly threat from these apex predators!

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2022/08/rewilding-the-american-west-climate-change/>

Allow hounding and hunting NOW!!

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From: Kathleen Jermstad <kathleenjermstad@gmail.com>
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Greetings. I'm looking forward to the Presentation about mountain lions this Tuesday.

Sightings. Anecdotal data is helpful but should be regarded carefully. Identification of individual mountain lions by sightings is difficult and can lead to overestimation of numbers. I believe that the pending CDFW population estimate of lions is based on scientific methods and with that knowledge, a determination can be made regarding management of lions, hopefully, based on location. I don't see how the lion could possibly be considered *endangered* in Central or Northern California, and I oppose the petition to place it under the California Endangered Species Act.

I strongly dislike the sense of mountain lion hysteria floating in social media. A sighting does not automatically mean "danger". Many of the sightings are reported in rugged wild areas where it is not surprising to see wildlife. We have a sighting in our back yard each spring and fall, always at 3 in the morning, but have never been negatively affected (that's my anecdotal data). We live in a time where people are on edge because of a number of conditions - extreme weather, wildfire threat, economic pressure, politics - all over which we have little or no control. Demonizing mountain lions and making them a focus of our angst as an attempt at control isn't helpful. Management should be a rational strategy, not based on hype or fear.

The predator prey cycle is a well-known phenomenon, and while the deer population may be depressed currently, it would take a few years for predator numbers to self-correct. This is a problem since their habitat and ours has expanded.

I agree that many species of wildlife are not afraid of us as they once were. Therefore, I'm looking forward to the Presentation to learn more about legal and effective ways of intimidation or hazing.

RE Agenda Item 22: It doesn't help when residents provide food, salt and water for deer, because they are unwittingly attracting mountain lions and other predators. Hopefully, the deer feeding will stop!

Best regards,

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