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Sooooooooo, the Klickitat County Sheriff is saying his officers don't have enough actual law enforcement work to keep themselves busy. Since they are planning on filling their spare time with wildlife work, maybe they can take care of a few of my project reports for me.

Also, since cougars are huge public safety concern in Klickitat County, perhaps the sheriff can provide some statistics on exactly how many people have been injured or killed by cougars in his county during his tenure. Given that our records show there have been 21 documented cougar attacks on people in Washington over the last 125 years, I am assuming he has bunch of attack data we do not have. Sure would be nice if he would share that with us.

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I had heard rumors the powers-that-be from Stevens and Klickitat counties had been in contact. For the kids...

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Maybe WDFW should focus on the opioid crisis or domestic abuse and assemble a task force

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What could possibly go wrong?

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Please see the news release below from the Klickitat County Sheriff concerning response to dangerous wildlife.  
I will keep you updated with any additional information.

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The Klickitat County Sheriff's Office and other Law Enforcement Agencies in Klickitat County has received numerous complaints in regards to Cougar sightings in Goldendale, White Salmon, Glenwood, Husum, and other neighborhoods throughout Klickitat County. This is a serious PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERN. In addition to the Public Safety Concern, cougars and bears are a major concern and a problem for the farmers and ranchers in our County. Livestock and Domestic Animals are being killed by cougar and bears in our county on a regular bases.

As Sheriff, I have decided immediately to establish a program in accordance with Washington State Law, (RCW 77.15.245(2a)), which will allow better protection for the Public Safety, the protection of domestic animals and livestock within and through out Klickitat County.

Washington State Law (RCW 77.15.245(2a)) states the following:

"Nothing in the subsection shall be construed to prohibit the killing of black bear, cougar, bobcat, or lynx with the aid of a dog or dogs by employees or agents of County, State, or Federal Agencies while acting in their official capacities for the purpose of protecting livestock, domestic animals, private property or the public safety. A dog or dogs may be used by the owner or tenant of real property consistent with a permit issues and conditioned by the director."

The Klickitat County Sheriff's Office Deputies and Volunteer Sheriff's Posse/Special Deputies will provide the Primary Response to Wildlife-Human Conflicts involving Dangerous Wildlife. The Klickitat County Sheriff's Office will work closely with the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife in carrying out this program. However, the Sheriff Office will be in charge of the program.

We will also be working in cooperation with the Goldendale Police Chief and the White Salmon Police Chief, when they have cougar or bear sightings within their City Jurisdictions.

Sheriff Deputies and Volunteer Posse/Special Deputies will respond to all reported dangerous Wildlife conflicts that is a risk to human safety or domestic pets and livestock. A fully commissioned Deputy will be in charge of the incident response and has the authority of the Sheriff to invoke the appropriate action, under RCW 77.15.245 (2) by using hound dogs in tracking down and euthanizing the dangerous animal.

We are requesting the citizens of Klickitat County to immediately call in sightings of cougar or bear to 911 Dispatch, when the cougar or bear is a threat to Public Safety or domestic pets and livestock.

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