

PREDATORS: Several sightings in and around Sisters

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— is the main responsibility of ODFW, and this is what the department has to say about cougar:

“Native to Oregon, cougars range throughout the state, the highest densities occur in the Blue Mountains in the northeastern part of the state and in the southwestern Cascade Mountains.

“Their primary food source is deer, but they will also consume elk, raccoons, bighorn sheep, and other mammals and birds.” (And humans, pets and livestock, if they can get away with it; author’s note.)

“Cougars are territorial animals and maintain home ranges of up to 100 miles. Most active at dawn and dusk, they are lone hunters. They are generally solitary animals, except for mothers who remain with kittens for about two years.

“While actual cougar sightings have increased, coyotes, bobcats and dogs are often mistaken for cougars.”

What ODFW does not state is that cougar run down their prey, usually leap on the victim’s back and pull it to the ground, using their long, sharp, and powerful claws to hold the prey and their equally long, sharp and strong teeth to break bones, tear up flesh and rip out vital organs.

When that threatens to happen to a human being a great uproar goes up and the cougar is dispatched as quickly a possible. It is also destroyed if it’s bothering and/or killing a human’s pets and livestock — for a good reason.

Humans have been killed by cougar in California and in Washington. Wildlife biologists assert that you cannot outrun a cougar, on foot or on a bicycle.

Here’s what ODFW suggests, on their website, should you come into contact with a cougar:

- Learn your neighborhood. Be aware of any wild-life corridors or places where deer and/or elk concentrate.
- Walk pets during the day and keep them on a leash.
- Keep pets indoors at dawn and dusk. Shelter them for the night.
- Feed pets indoors.
- Don’t leave food and garbage outside.
- Use animal-proof garbage cans if possible.
- Remove heavy brush from near the house and play areas.
- Install motion-activated lights outdoors along

walkways and driveways.

- Be more cautious at dawn and dusk, when cougars are most active.
 - Do not feed any large wildlife. By attracting other wildlife, you may attract a cougar.
 - Keep areas around bird feeders clean.
 - Deer-proof your garden and yard with nets, lights, fencing and/or motion-activated irrigation sprinklers.
 - Fence and shelter livestock. Move them to sheds or barns at night.
- If you encounter a cougar:
- Cougars often will retreat if given the opportunity.



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American Cougar...waiting.

Leave the animal a way to escape.

- Stay calm and stand your ground.
- Maintain direct eye



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American black bear, licking his lips.

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Directions to property: Take McKinney Butte west toward Hwy 242. Once you pass the high school on the right, take your first left for the Whychus Creek/Pole Creek Trailhead (brown sign) Go about 2 miles up and watch for Cow Camp, which will be on the left. Follow the dirt road into Cow Camp, and look for the green cattle gate to the right. Open House signs will guide the way.

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