

# Goal: People feel safe in Cougar Country

Objective: Manage cougars while being trusted to take action to help people feel safe

Underway

Beginning stages

New work

## OUTREACH

WDFW provides tools to safely live in cougar country

Refine overarching public safety communication strategy

Refine digital communication: videos, live events, blogs

Build on existing models to work with community

- Reduce deer feeding
- Improve husbandry
- Living with cougars safety messages

## RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC

Refine internal protocols to be more responsive

- Review Dangerous Wildlife Response Policy
- Imp. improved dangerous wildlife response matrix

Improve internal reporting between Wildlife Program and Enforcement to: track incidents, focus response efforts, and inform the public

Continue development of Cougar Pursuit/Hound Training WAC

## SCIENCE INFORMS DECISIONS

Complete research on cougars: Provide relevant research

- WDFW (Pred/Prey; West side)
- Non-WDFW (Kalispel Tribe's cougar study)

Create science communication forum to share findings

Implement Option 4, review outcomes in hunting seasons 2020

- Initiate review of GMP In May 2021 ensure adequate flexibility related to recreational hunting (18 month process)

## PARTNERSHIPS

Continue to build partnerships with sheriffs, Enforcement and Conflict staff

Reinvigorate partnerships with local elected commissions and NGOs: focus on shared goals

Begin revision process for WAC 220-440-030 Public Safety Cougar Removal, using an external working group

- Review recs from previous effort: Hound training opportunity and Wildlife feeding regulation