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to the editor

Dead is safe

Sir:

"Mountain lions are safe from sportsmen's guns for at least one year in Oregon . . .," you say (SN: 11/4). Governmental hunters and professional hunters who were paid bounties have destroyed the cougar population here in Oregon.

Sportsmen, conservationists and farmers (whose crops the deer eat if cougars do not eat the deer) have for the past 15 years been warning the government to stop the slaughter of cougars. Now 10 years too late they begin.

John J. Griggs
Bend, Ore.

Suggestion re mussels

Sir:

Regarding your article, "Mussels in the Pipeline," page 471 (SN: 11/11).

Tell William Wood, WHO, to erect two pipes, 200 feet high, with a connecting "U" at the bottom. Pour the free swimming larvae into the water going down one pipe, and catch them as they come up and out the other pipe.

I believe that no such larvae can stand a pressure change from 14.7 pounds P.S.I. to 100 pounds P.S.I. and back to 14.7 in a few seconds.

If it works, the commercial water system could be built with a similar pressure trap, down 200 feet and back up again.

This system would cost nothing to operate. It might kill other live things also.

Howard D. Vogt, president
Fluoritab Corp.
Flint, Mich.

films OF THE WEEK

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