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The animal-welfare group Arizonans for Wildlife has filed the paperwork to collect signatures for a ballot initiative that would outlaw the hunting or trapping of wild cats. The group says it wants to stop trophy hunting, in which cats are killed only for their head or fur. Kellye Pinkleton, campaign director for Arizonans for Wildlife, said hunters are cruelly killing wild cats for sport, not for their meat. She said the initiative also would end the use of steel-jawed traps, dog packs and other cat-hunting methods.

To get the issue on the November 2018 ballot, the group must collect at least 150,642 valid signatures by July 5.

We have a new partner in the CITES lawsuit in Montana. Fur Industries of North America. (FINA) is now a full intervenor and is working closely with the NTA legal counsel.

I hope each of you read my report in the Sept/Oct issue of the American Trapper. If not, you should make it a point to do so. It's impossible to overstate the critical importance of the ISO issue to trapping and the fur market in this country. As stated previously... "Make no mistake. The quickest way to stop fur trapping as we know it is to block our furs from international trade. The two ISO trap testing standards enable us to protect our all-important free trade agreements, and fur trapping in America as we know it."