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(S.D.)-Wildlife Officers Kill Four Mountain Lions In Black Hills



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KEYSTONE, S.D. (AP) - State wildlife officers killed three mountain lions that had confronted dogs, strolled through yards and killed deer on city streets in the southwestern South Dakota community of Keystone.

Game, Fish and Parks officers killed an adult female lion and two 40-pound kittens on May 5 and May 6.

Regional wildlife manager John Kanta says Keystone is in the middle of lion habitat, and officials gave the lion a chance to move its kittens out of the city. But he says the mother lion didn't cooperate.

Officers also killed a male lion at Angostura State Recreation Area near Hot Springs on May 6 because it was hanging out near a recreational trail, watching hikers and bikers.