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Coyote hunting has been a huge passion of mine and my kids. In the winter my 9 year old son looks forward to getting out with dad sitting out in a field calling coyotes, or sitting in a shack on a bait pile. The things my kids have gotten to see by watching a bait pile are things they can only otherwise watch on tv. We have had fox come in and make all kinds of cool sounds. We have gotten to see eagles fight with crows and learn the different stages of eagles lives by joining the Maine eagle study. We have started keeping track of the weather, temperature, pressure, wind, everything. My son and I are starting a journal of our hunting trips to learn how the dog acts, when they are most active and so on. There is soo much interaction with calling, sounds that they call back on. Calls that lure them in. Some day we want to learn how to make a pair of gloves.

Hunting in general has brought such a bond to me and my family and friends. We all know winter in Maine can be long and it is a great opportunity to get the family out or just me and my son. My friends and I are also working on building shacks that can fit four adults and have dates nights hunting.

Not to mention, if we take away coyote hunting there will be a serious drop in other species of animal. Deer herds will diminish, as they will be targeted by bigger packs of coyotes. Coyotes will get braver in bigger numbes and potential of human attacks could go up along with domestic animal.

If this is a way to try and ban hunting or certain kinds of guns, this all needs to stop. Our country and state has gotten out of hand with all this. When hunting you are only allowed to hunt with 5 rounds no matter what firearm is being used ,not including single shot Firearms.

Again hunting is a passion, sport, adventure. Skills and lessons for parents to teach the younger generations. Not only that so many people have not tried it and everyone that I have brought out has fallen in love with the sport and grown a passion for it as well.

For me hunting has been a major part of my life and my family. I'm so proud to watch my son grow with his passion, buying duck calls and items for hunting instead of video games and hopefully as he grows older keep that passion alive and and pass it down.