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July 26, 2017

Ms. Margaret Townsend
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Re: Public Records Request for Jaguar Sightings and Detections since 2001.

Dear Ms. Townsend:

Pursuant to your request of April 24, 2017 regarding "*all records from January 1, 2010 to the date of the search mentioning, including, or referencing jaguar sightings and detections, including but not limited to, letters, emails, phone calls, in-person reports, and camera trap photos submitted within AZGFD, with the public, and/or with other agencies.*"

During a May 8, 2017 conference call, we agreed that previously fulfilled Public Records Requests on the same subject provides all records related to this request from January 1, 2010 to November 27, 2012 at <https://www.azgfd.com/wildlife/speciesofgreatestconservneed/jaguars/>. As of today, this link also contains the electronic documents to fulfill the remainder of this request.

Other than standard redactions (i.e., non-governmental email addresses and personal phone numbers), the Department has redacted:

1. Any and all text referring to the specific animals location information pursuant to A.R.S. § 17-252 on the grounds that disclosure of such information may cause harm to the jaguar.
2. Identifying information of a federal official has been redacted as law enforcement investigative exempt under FOIA 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(7)(E).

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please contact the Arizona Game and Fish Department, at (602) 942-3000.

Sincerely,

Jim deVos
Assistant Director, Wildlife Management Division

cc: Linda Pollock
Kent Komadina

Ty Gray

From: Gary R. Hovatter
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:07 AM
To: 'Kevin Kinsall'
Cc: Larry Voyles; Jim Paxon; Jorge Canaca; Tom Cadden; Tony Guiles; Jim Odenkirk; Jim Odenkirk; Linda Pollock; Linda Pollock; Ben Alteneader; Bob Broscheid; Gary R. Hovatter; John Bullington; Larry Riley; Leonard Ordway; Lizette Morgan; Ty Gray
Subject: FW: Jaguar photo taken near Rosemont

Kevin,

FYI.

--Gary

Gary R. Hovatter
AZGFD

From: Gary R. Hovatter
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 9:06 AM
Cc: Larry Voyles; Ben Alteneader; Bill Vanpelt; Bob Broscheid; Brian Wakeling; Eric Gardner; Esther Rubin; Gary R. Hovatter; Jim Paxon; Jon Cooley (JCooley@azgfd.gov); Jorge Canaca; Larry Riley; Leonard Ordway; Lynda Lambert; Mark A. Hart; Randy Babb; Raul Vega; Terry Johnson; Tim Snow; Tim Wade; Tom Cadden; Tony Guiles; Ty Gray; Jim Odenkirk; Jim Odenkirk; Linda Pollock; Linda Pollock
Subject: Jaguar photo taken near Rosemont

Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission,

The link, below, connects to a 25 November 2012 Tony Davis, Arizona Daily Star, story regarding the recent trail camera photo of a jaguar's tail that was taken in the Santa Rita's this past September. The photo we released had cropped out a structure that we believed someone familiar with this part of Arizona might have been able to use to vector in on the exact location of this trail camera which, given the territoriality of jaguars, might give someone the opportunity for an illegal take of this cat.

Subsequently, Mr. Davis requested the entire photo and, after further analysis, we had come to believe that the cropping may no longer necessary since the structure in question was common enough across a wide enough area that it would not, by itself, be a unique enough indicator. Coincidentally, we were informed by the USFS that documents they were about to release related to the Rosemont Mine project would note that this jaguar was sighted **within the Rosemont Action Area footprint**. Since the structure in question **is very rare to the Rosemont footprint**, we decided to stand on our earlier decision to not release the uncropped photo in order to protect this animal.

http://azstarnet.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/jaguar-photo-taken-near-rosemont/article_ce0cfc93-a0c3-57c5-8c4f-fabb4db9010d.html

As a sidenote, the story mentions a reported June 2011 sighting of a jaguar by a USBP pilot flying over the Santa Ritas and indicates that AZGFD gave the report "some credibility." In light of our staff's contacts with this pilot, we have come to the conclusion that the sighting was unlikely to be valid, but could not be completely discounted. In that regard, the statement in the story could be deemed factual, but (in the context it was presented in) not accurate.

V/R,

Gary R. Hovatter
Deputy Director
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Colonel, Infantry, U.S. Army (Retired)

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***"I have been right and I have been
Paranoid, and it's better being paranoid."
-- William Safire***

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 6:19 PM
To: 'susan_sferra@fws.gov'
Subject: Re: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos

What plans if any are there for a news release about the new photos? Thanks.
Mark Hart, PIO AGFD Tucson

From: Sferra, Susan [mailto:susan_sferra@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 06:04 PM
To: James Driscoll
Cc: Tim Snow; Mark A. Hart; Larry Riley; Jean Calhoun <Jean_Calhoun@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos

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Jamey Driscoll

Birds and Mammals Program Manager

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From: Larry Riley
Sent: Tuesday, November 27, 2012 6:27 PM
To: 'Sferra, Susan'; James Driscoll
Cc: Tim Snow; Mark A. Hart; Jean Calhoun; 'Steve_Spangle@fws.gov'
Subject: RE: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos
Attachments: Lawrence M. Riley (LRiley@azgfd.gov).vcf

Importance: High

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:31 AM
To: 'susan_sferra@fws.gov'
Subject: Re: Fwd: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos

Glad to help having done this a few times.
Mark Hart, PIO AGFD Tucson

From: Sferra, Susan [mailto:susan_sferra@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 07:55 AM
To: Mark A. Hart
Cc: Jeff Humphrey <Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov>; Lisa Haynes <lynx@email.arizona.edu>
Subject: Fwd: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos

Hi Mark,
I talked to Jeff Humphrey and Lisa Haynes about it yesterday. Jeff is mulling over options and I believe he is going to touch base with the UA media folks and you to get your thoughts on the best way to handle press.

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 8:50 AM
To: Larry Riley; James Driscoll
Cc: Raul Vega
Subject: Fw: October 25 and Nov 10 jaguar photos

He's right about the ocelot but the jaguar involves other issues of public interest here. I know it's not our call.
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From: Spangle, Steve [mailto:steve_spangle@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2012 08:18 AM
To: Larry Riley
Cc: Sferra, Susan <susan_sferra@fws.gov>; James Driscoll; Tim Snow; Mark A. Hart; Jean Calhoun <Jean_Calhoun@fws.gov>; Jeff Humphrey <Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov>
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I see no reason to continue publicizing these events. It's become pretty clear that the 2 species are present in S.AZ at least irregularly. I would vote for shutting down the news machine unless there is an extraordinary event (i.e., human-caused mortality like the ocelot near Globe, evidence of breeding, etc.).

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James Driscoll

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Sent: Thursday, November 29, 2012 12:39 PM
To: 'Sferra, Susan'; Tim Snow
Cc: 'Jean Calhoun'; 'Steve_Spangle@fws.gov'; Larry Riley; scott_Richardson@fws.gov; Bill Burger
Subject: AGFD/USFWS Reporting Protocol
Attachments: JaguarOcelot Directives 2010 08 17.pdf.pdf

Susan and Tim,

I am thinking that Eric was walking this same path this past year, but I am getting old and my memory fades too quickly these days. Tim I know you have our protocol but I have attached it for Susan. I am brining Scott in the loop as he and I also addressed this in a recent phone conversation.

Our notification protocol begins on page 8 of the attachment, but it is mostly internal (AGFD) personnel identified. What we need is a shared (USFWS/AGFD) protocol for notification of these sightings. Handwritten on my copy is Jean Calhoun USFWS, Steve Spangle AESO, USFS, and APHIS. But should there be others, i.e. UofA, Border Patrol, landowner? We need a lead rep for all of those agencies that we identify.

Also we need to be cognizant of records and what is included in them (i.e. reporting parties name, phone numbers, personal email addresses, location of the animal). At a maximum, not a minimum, Tim and I should have all the information via email, we need to figure out who that would be in the USFWS. We (AGFD) will handle the rest of the notifications up the chain via telephone or word of mouth to avoid too many records. Just so you are aware, and I know some of you are, I spent 14 hours redacting 420 pages of emails during the last Public Records Request. We can and must do better.

Tim/Susan/Jean,

Since all of you are in Tucson, might I suggest you three sit down and start to hash out what this protocol may start to look like? Bring me in where necessary and the whole group for final comments? I was going to bring this up at the next AGFD/USFWS meeting but I am not sure when that is, and I anticipate we will all need to be on the same page much quicker than a few months out.

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ARIZONA GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Department Employees
FROM: Larry D. Voyles, Director
SUBJECT: Directives Providing Guidance for Management Activities in the Jaguar and Ocelot Areas of Capture Concern
DATE: August 17, 2010

Directives and Guidance Being Replaced: On October 14, 2009, I issued a directive regarding temporary guidance for management activities in the Jaguar Conservation Emphasis Area. That guidance also reaffirmed previous guidance (February 19, April 1 and July 24, 2009) regarding: trapping; use of jaguar-derived scents; and other research and management activities in the Jaguar Conservation Emphasis Area. On May 5, 2010, I issued a similar directive regarding temporary guidance for management activities and ocelots, asking that the jaguar directive be applied for activities that could involve ocelot within the Ocelot Review Area. Those directives and the Jaguar Conservation Emphasis Area and Ocelot Review Area have now been superseded by this directive and the AOCCs therein, in accordance with the Department's recently-amended ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) Research and Recovery Permit from USFWS.

New Directive and Guidance:

This directive replaces the earlier directives described above. It remains in effect unless formally revoked, superseded or extended as described in the tasks below. The areas of primary concern regarding this directive are identified on the attached maps of jaguar and ocelot Areas of Capture Concern (AOCC).

On June 14, 2010, the Department was issued an amended ESA Section 10(a)(1)(A) Research and Recovery Permit that authorizes some of the activities included in the directives mentioned above and identifies the two AOCCs. To ensure that our activities are congruent with our current federal Section 10 permit and our companion Section 6 work plan, I am issuing this directive concerning activities by any and all employees conducting or authorizing activities in the AOCCs.

I have summarized in the following table the actions of Department employees in the AOCCs, the directive to be followed, and the Department employee(s) entrusted to verify that the directives are being implemented correctly.

As with all directives, it is essential that staff recognize their individual and supervisory responsibilities to ensure the direction provided is thoroughly communicated, understood and implemented. Certain employees with programmatic links or area specific activities will be expected to verify that they have received these directives and have read and understood them.

Action: Actions by fixed wing or rotary aircraft		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Aerial Take of Coyotes by APHIS Wildlife Services	Ensure that any future documents from the AGFD Director authorizing Wildlife Services aerial take of coyotes in the AOCCs include a statement affirming that authorization is contingent upon Wildlife Services having a permit from USFWS for incidental take of federally listed wildlife that could be affected during such activities, including jaguar, Mexican wolf and ocelot.	B. Wakeling, Game Branch
Aerial Survey and Aerial Support Operations by the Department	Amend aerial survey protocols such that, if a jaguar or ocelot is observed during an aerial wildlife survey conducted or authorized by the Department in the AOCCs, flight altitude shall immediately but safely be increased sufficiently to avoid disturbance of the jaguar or ocelot. The flight path and survey block shall then be abandoned or the grid shall be reinitiated at least ½ mile from the jaguar or ocelot detection point. For 48 hours following the sighting, survey flight paths shall not come within ½ mile of the detection point. Distribute to Wildlife Managers, Field Supervisors, Game Specialists, Pilots and Contract Pilots.	B. Wakeling, Game Branch
Water Catchment Monitoring Flights	Flights to monitor water catchments shall be treated in the same fashion as aerial wildlife surveys. Amend water catchment monitoring flight protocols for the AOCCs and distribute to Wildlife Managers, Field Supervisors, Game Specialists, Development Branch Chief, Pilots, and Contract Pilots.	R. Vega, Region V, R. Lucas, Region VI, and S. Adams, Field Operations Coordinator
Rotary Aircraft Water Hauling Flights	Flights to fly water into water catchments shall be treated in the same fashion as aerial wildlife surveys. Amend rotary aircraft water hauling flight protocols for the AOCCs and distribute to Wildlife Managers, Field Supervisors, Game Specialists, affected Development Branch employees, Pilots, and Contract Pilots.	M. Weise, Development Branch
Aerial Wildlife Capture Operations (except for Wolf – See Wolf related directives below)	Amend wildlife capture operation plans for the AOCCs such that, if a jaguar or ocelot is observed in the course of an aerial wildlife capture attempt, the capture attempt shall be abandoned immediately but safely <u>unless</u> the aircraft is pursuing an animal that is entangled in a capture net or currently under the effects of an administered tranquilizing or sedating drug. In these instances, care for the target animal is important and shall be dealt with in the most expedient fashion and then the area within ½ mile of the detection point shall be abandoned as quickly as possible for at least 48 hours following the sighting. Distribute to Wildlife Managers, Field Supervisors, Game	B. Wakeling, Game Branch

	Specialists, Research Branch Chief, Pilots and Contract Pilots.	
Support for Development Activities (may include transportation of personnel, equipment, materials, or sling load operations)	As a standard requirement for aerial support activities in the AOCCs, if a jaguar or ocelot is observed during a support flight, the flight path shall be adjusted as quickly as safely feasible to an altitude or flight path where there is no visible disturbance of the jaguar or ocelot, or the flight shall be abandoned as soon as safely feasible to do so. Flight adjustments to jaguar or ocelot detections that occur during a sling load operation shall first consider safety of pilot, passengers, and aircraft, but load deposition and flight alteration need to occur as quickly as possible thereafter. Personnel shall not be abandoned in an unsafe location, and aerial relocation of personnel may be necessary. If flight paths can be modified to avoid the detection point by at least ½ mile, activities may continue immediately. Subsequent flight paths over the point of detection shall be avoided for at least 48 hours. If unable to avoid the detection point spatially, a temporal avoidance of at least 1 hour may be used to minimize the likelihood of further disturbance, after which the fewest practical flights may be used to secure the site and remove personnel. Flight paths shall not be modified in a manner that would endanger the aircraft or passengers. Notice all FOD, FOAV, WMD and SSDV employees and Contract Pilots.	M. Weise, Development Branch
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Conducting Flights for Telemetry	<p>Some animal tracking devices require use of aircraft to detect and obtain a precise fix of transmitter location. If a jaguar or ocelot is observed during an aerial telemetry flight that is being conducted or which is authorized by the Department, the pilot shall immediately but safely abandon attempts to obtain a fix on a radio collar if the aircraft is below 2500 feet above ground level and within ½ mile of the detection point. If data recovery can occur from 2500 feet above ground level or higher, or more than ½ mile away from the detection point, operations may resume immediately. Subsequent flight paths below 2500 feet above ground level shall not pass within ½ mile of the detection point for at least 48 hours.</p> <p>(1) This directive will be incorporated as a standard condition in any research study plan (or post-transplant or post-release monitoring plan or research plans) initiated by Research Branch that involves radio telemetry monitoring flights in the AOCCs,</p>	(1)C. O'Brien, Research Branch

	<p>addressed in any E.A. Checklist for such a plan, and all Research Branch employees shall be notified of this requirement.</p> <p>(2) This directive will be incorporated as a condition in any management work plan (including post-transplant and post-release monitoring plans) initiated by Game Branch that involves radio telemetry monitoring flights in the AOCCs, addressed in any E.A. Checklist for such a plan, and all Game Branch employees shall be notified of this requirement.</p> <p>(3) This directive will be incorporated as a condition in any management work plan (or post transplant or post-release monitoring plan) initiated by Nongame Branch that involves radio telemetry monitoring flights in the AOCCs, addressed in any E.A. Checklist for such a plan, and all Nongame Branch employees shall be notified of this requirement.</p> <p>(4) This directive will be incorporated as a condition in any management work plan (or post-transplant or post-release monitoring plan or research study plans) initiated by FOD that involves radio telemetry monitoring flights in the AOCCs, addressed in any E.A. Checklist for such a plan, and all FOD employees shall be notified of this requirement.</p> <p>(5) All Habitat Branch employees will be notified that the above directives must be a condition in any management work plan (or post-transplant or post-release monitoring plan or research study plan) that involves radio telemetry monitoring flights in the AOCCs and that any E.A. Checklist or other NEPA/ESA-compliance document for such a plan must appropriately reflect consideration of that requirement. Habitat Program staff should ensure that the issue of jaguar or ocelot encounters is raised in scoping for NEPA compliance by other action entities.</p>	<p>(2)B. Wakeling, Game Branch</p> <p>(3)E. Gardner, Nongame Branch</p> <p>(4)S. Adams, Field Operations Coordinator; R. Vega, Region V and R. Lucas, Region VI</p> <p>(5)J. Avey, Habitat Branch</p>
Action: Issuance of Wildlife Service Licenses (pursuant to R12-4-421)		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Issuing Wildlife Service Licenses	The Department shall <u>not</u> authorize Wildlife Service Licensees to use the following methods of take within the AOCCs: (a) steel or off-set jaw foothold traps (e.g., only padded jaw traps are allowable); (b) padded jaw foothold	R. Vega, Region V R. Lucas,

	traps that are larger than a #3N Victor; (c) foothold snares of sufficient size to capture an animal larger than a coyote; and (d) neck snares of any type, unless the Wildlife Service Licensee has its own federal permit providing take authorities for endangered species through use of those techniques. Regions V and VI will include the above restriction on methods take for Wildlife Service Licenses within the AOCC.	Region VI
Action: Issuance of Scientific Collecting Permits (pursuant to R12-4-418)		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Issuing Scientific Collecting Permits	<p>(1). When authorizing any of the following methods of take within the AOCCs: (a) padded jaw foothold traps that are larger than a #3N Victor; (b) foothold snares of sufficient size to capture an animal larger than a coyote; (c) neck snares of any type; and (d) use of dogs, the Department shall require in writing on the License and in a cover letter accompanying the License that the Licensee is solely responsible for obtaining any concurrent federal authorization that is required under federal law for intentional or incidental take of federally regulated species, including jaguar or ocelot, before the state authorized methods of take can be used, and that the state permit is invalid without the necessary federal authorizations required by federal law regarding the take of any federally regulated wildlife. When issuing such a License, the Scientific Collecting Permits administrator shall send an informational copy of the License and cover letter to the USFWS permits administrator in Albuquerque, New Mexico.</p> <p>(2) All SCP applications requesting to work with or that could potentially result in the take of a jaguar, ocelot or wolf must be reviewed by the Nongame Branch Chief and the Jaguar and Mexican Wolf Coordinator.</p>	<p>(1) T. Jones, Scientific Collection Permit Administrator, Nongame Branch</p> <p>(2) T. Jones, Scientific Collection Permit Administrator, Nongame Branch, E. Gardner, Nongame Branch, T. Johnson, Jaguar and Mexican Wolf Coordinator</p>
Annual Letter Permit to APHIS Wildlife Services en Lieu of SCP	The annual letter permit to Wildlife Services shall be amended to state that Wildlife Services must comply with the stipulations found within any current 10(a)(1)(A) permit (Permit) held by the Department related to actions that could result in take of jaguar or ocelot. The letter shall state that any such take must be independently covered by Wildlife Service's own ESA authorization, and the State authority granted by the letter is only valid if Wildlife Services follows the stipulations in the Permit. When issuing such a letter permit, the Scientific Collecting Permits administrator shall send an	E. Gardner, Nongame Branch

	informational copy of the letter to the USFWS permits administrator in Albuquerque, New Mexico.	
Action: Mexican Wolf Interagency Field Team Activities.		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
USFWS Wolf Removal Orders	Actions taken pursuant to a Mexican Wolf Removal Order or Management Directive issued by USFWS must be covered by a USFWS issued permit or they will not be undertaken by Department personnel. All risk of take of a jaguar or ocelot during such activities is assumed by USFWS as the permitting agency.	C. Bagnoli AGFD Interagency Field Team Leader
Mexican Wolf Reintroduction SOP #10	<p>The Department shall adhere to the following stipulations in Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Project SOPs to ensure avoidance of the possibility of creating an imminent threat of harm or the reasonable certainty of take of a jaguar or ocelot:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) If an exposed livestock or native ungulate carcass occurs sufficiently close to an IFT wolf trap-set that it could be dragged by any scavenging animal to within 30 feet of the trap-set, before setting the trap(s) the IFT shall stake the carcass to prevent such movement. (2) IFT wolf trap-sets within 10 miles of a jaguar or ocelot occurrence that has been documented on non-tribal lands within the MWEPA (Mexican Wolf Experimental Population Area) within the previous six months shall be monitored at least every three hours (i.e. regardless of season, temperature, or weather conditions). (3) Jaguar or ocelot-derived attractants shall not be used in conjunction with IFT wolf trap-sets. (4) If jaguar or ocelot occurrence is documented within the MWEPA, the Department's jaguar conservation lead (a) shall immediately notify the Department's IFT Leader and the appropriate Regional Office(s) of the date and location of the occurrence, and (b) shall ensure that the Department's IFT Leader possesses and is familiar with any current jaguar handling protocols approved by the Department. (5) Before the IFT sets any wolf traps within 10 miles of a jaguar or ocelot occurrence that has been documented on non-tribal lands within the MWEPA within the previous six months, the Department's IFT Leader shall: 	<p>T. Johnson, Jaguar Conservation Lead, WMD</p> <p>J. Cooley, Region I</p> <p>C. Bagnoli, AGFD Interagency Field Team Leader (training of IFT members)</p>

	<p>(a) ensure that any IFT member who will be involved in setting or monitoring those traps has training certification in implementing any current Department-approved jaguar and ocelot handling protocols,</p> <p>(b) notify the appropriate Regional Supervisor and the Department's jaguar conservation lead of the intent to set such traps, and</p> <p>(c) confirm with the Department's jaguar conservation lead the dates and locations of the most recent jaguar or ocelot occurrence within the MWEPA.</p> <p>(6) Any IFT member who discovers a jaguar or ocelot in an IFT wolf trap shall immediately contact or at least attempt to contact the appropriate Regional Supervisor and the Department's jaguar conservation lead for direction regarding the actions to be taken. If contact with at least one of those individuals, or in their absence an appropriate surrogate, is not possible within one hour of discovering the jaguar or ocelot (e.g. because of lack of telecommunication capability or inability to reach an area in which telecommunication service is available), the IFT member shall anesthetize and release the animal in accordance with the protocol referenced in the current Department-Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit. The IFT member shall then close all wolf traps set in the capture area and travel to the nearest location at which they can contact the appropriate Regional Supervisor and the Department's jaguar conservation lead for direction regarding the next actions to take.</p>	
Action: Use of Traps to Capture Bears or Lions for Research		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Use of Traps for Bear and Lion Research	All trapping for Department research projects in the AOCCs must adhere to the stipulations and obtain applicable USFWS approval of research objectives as set forth in the current Section 10(a)(1)(A) permit and must have completed the AGFD E.A. Checklist process pursuant to approval of the project. Ensure that all Department employees and contractors conducting or overseeing research activities are aware of, and follow this direction.	C. O'Brien, Research Branch

Action: Use of Culvert Traps to Capture Nuisance Bears or Lions (including animals of public safety concern)		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Use of Culvert Traps for Nuisance Bears and Lions	Issue direction to FOD Program Managers and field personnel in Regions V and VI such that continued use of culvert traps to capture nuisance bears within the AOCCs is allowed, in accordance with a specific protocol that: (a) prohibits use of culvert traps to capture nuisance mountain lions; (b) requires monitoring culvert traps at least every 24 hours; and (c) prohibits baiting culvert traps with anything other than non-animal-derived materials that can reasonably be expected not to attract cats.	R. Vega, Region V R. Lucas, Region VI
Action: Notification of Department Personnel Regarding New Jaguar and Ocelot Occurrences		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Handling Observations of a Jaguar or an Ocelot	Any Department employee who observes a jaguar or ocelot in the wild in Arizona or in New Mexico or in Mexico within 60 miles of the U.S.-Mexico International Border, or who receives such a report from someone who is not an AGFD employee, shall immediately report the observation to the Department's jaguar conservation lead and to the Nongame Specialist for the Region in which the observation occurred. The Department's jaguar conservation lead shall inform the Director; Executive Staff; all Regional Supervisors; the Development Branch Chief; the FOD and WMD Coordinators; all Branch Chiefs in WMD; and the Information Branch Chief of jaguar and ocelot observations made by AGFD employees or reported to AGFD employees.	T. Johnson, Jaguar Conservation Lead, WMD
Documenting, Communicating Observations of a Jaguar or an Ocelot	The Department's jaguar conservation lead shall be responsible for ensuring and documenting that, within 48 hours of receiving documentation of a new jaguar or ocelot occurrence in Arizona, he or she provides the specific location, date of occurrence, and any other information on that occurrence to the: Wildlife Management Division Coordinator; Nongame Branch Chief; Research Branch Chief; Habitat Branch Chief; Game Branch Chief; Information Branch Chief; Field Operations Division Coordinator; the Regional Supervisors, Wildlife Program Managers, and Nongame Specialists in Regions V and VI; and the Department's Mexican Wolf IFT Leader.	T. Johnson, Jaguar Conservation Lead, WMD
Action: External Grants/Projects Sought or Supported		
Action:	Directive	Process Owner
Grants/Projects Sought	Any grants, contracts or cooperative projects sought out by the Department shall be compliant with the above	R. Miller, Funds/Planning

	directives as long as these directives remain in force.	Manager
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Grants/Projects Supported	Employees offering letters of support for proposals of other workers external to the Department shall not support activities that are in conflict with the above directives.	All Employees
Action: Verification and Periodic Review		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Verification and Review	<p>The following procedures shall be implemented to verify compliance with any of the above directives:</p> <p>(1) Within 60 days of the Director's approval, the Wildlife Management Division (WMD) Coordinator and Field Operations Division (FOD) Coordinator shall document for the WMD Assistant Director that the work unit leaders, regional program leads, and other employees referenced in the approved recommendations are familiar with and prepared to discharge their assigned responsibilities for the current Fiscal Year.</p> <p>(2) Between June 1 and June 30 of each subsequent calendar year, the WMD Coordinator and FOD Coordinator shall document for the WMD and FOD Assistant Directors that the work unit leaders, regional program leads, and other employees referenced in the approved recommendations are (a) familiar with and prepared to discharge their assigned responsibilities for the Fiscal Year beginning on July 1 of that year; and (b) have appropriately discharged their assigned responsibilities for the Fiscal Year ending on June 30. Upon review of the responses, they shall make a joint recommendation to the Director of proposed changes to the directive, including a specific recommendation as to whether the directive should remain in place as is, be amended, be revoked or be extended.</p> <p>(3) Within 30 days of restoration of the Department's ability to discuss jaguar conservation issues with USFWS, the WMD Assistant Director and appropriate staff shall initiate discussion with the USFWS Arizona Field Supervisor to determine the need for refinement or revision of any of the approved recommendations.</p>	<p>(1&2) L. Riley, Coordinator, WMD</p> <p>(1&2) S. Adams, Coordinator, FOD</p> <p>(3) M. Senn, Assistant Director, WMD</p>
Action: Development and Review of Environmental Assessment Checklists		
Action	Directive	Process Owner
Development of EACs	(1) All EACs shall determine if the project falls within either the jaguar or ocelot AOCC or within the wolf 10j	(1) J. Avey, Habitat Branch

	<p>area, and the EAC shall include sufficient language for any reviewer to understand the connection of the project to these areas. Such language shall include a reference to the most recent Directive providing guidance for management activities in the jaguar and ocelot Areas of Capture Concern.</p> <p>(2) Any EAC determined by the Nongame Branch Chief during his or her review to possibly involve take of a jaguar, ocelot or wolf shall be provided to the Jaguar and Mexican Wolf Coordinator for his or her review.</p>	<p>(2)E. Gardner, Nongame Branch</p>
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James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Friday, November 30, 2012 10:36 AM
To: Larry Riley; Tim Snow; Bill Burger; Tom Jones; Bill Vanpelt; Francisco Abarca
Subject: Spotted Cat Identification Team

All,

Do to the numerous pictures of spotted cats already received, and the very real potential to receive many more in the near future, I need your help in identifying a group of "experts" to help confirm/refute Department conclusions regarding spotted cats. Members of this "Team," would have to be willing to receive photos; conduct spot analysis' to identify species, individuals, and gender; provide rationale behind their conclusions; have their names released as a panel of experts the Department consulted; and potentially receive requests from the media for interviews. This "Team" would be as big as we want it to be, and should cross agency and NGO lines. This would be a standing team that would know they are taking this task as part of their willingness to participate. Once we identify individuals, I will send them a separate emails asking for this participation. Please forward me those names of people that should be considered, or feel free to modify the list below.

As far as internally to the Department, I recommend the following potential people:

Tim Snow, Region 5
Bill Burger Region 6
Jamey Driscoll, Nongame
Tom Jones, Nongame
Bill Van Pelt, WAFWA

USFWS potential members:

Jody Mays
Jean Calhoun
Erin Fernandez
Marit Alanen

Here are some names pull from the emails sent in the past:


Michael Tewes


Sergio Avila

Thanks,

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 2:13 PM
To: Tom Cadden; Jim Paxon
Cc: Raul Vega
Subject: AZ Daily Star request for comment re: jaguar

Tony Davis asking for reaction to USFWS confirming today that new jaguar photos show it within proposed Rosemont project area. Please advise, thanks.

Mark Hart, PIO AGFD Tucson

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 4:10 PM
To: Jim Paxon
Subject: Re: AZ Daily Star request for comment re: jaguar

Will do. Jim. Thanks.
Mark Hart, PIO AGFD Tucson

----- Original Message -----

From: Jim Paxon
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 03:14 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: RE: AZ Daily Star request for comment re: jaguar

Mark, I left a voice mail. Do not rise to Tony's bait. We do not have an "official position" until we have a chance to review the photos and discuss the situation among staff and conservation partners. Tell Tony that we have his request and will respond when we have a position. Thanks pardner. Best, Jim

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Ty Gray

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, December 14, 2012 4:22 PM
To: Gary R. Hovatter; Randy Babb
Cc: Ben Alteneider; Bill Vanpelt; Bob Broscheid; Brian Wakeling; Eric Gardner; Esther Rubin; Jim Paxon; Jon Cooley; Jorge Canaca; Larry Riley; Leonard Ordway; Lynda Lambert; Mark A. Hart; Raul Vega; Terry Johnson; Tim Snow; Tim Wade; Tom Cadden; Tony Guiles; Ty Gray; Jim Odenkirk; Jim Odenkirk; Linda Pollock; Linda Pollock
Subject: Re: Jaguar Location Maps & the Historical Record

Gary—he never called back and was apparently content to have the map generated by the recovery folks. I am most pleased to report the total absence of my book and name from his three articles.

David

—Original Message—

From: Gary R. Hovatter <GHovatter@azgfd.gov>
[REDACTED] Randy Babb <RBabb@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Ben Alteneider <BAlteneider@azgfd.gov>; Bill Vanpelt <BVanpelt@azgfd.gov>; Bob Broscheid <BBroscheid@azgfd.gov>; Brian Wakeling <BWakeling@azgfd.gov>; Eric Gardner <EGardner@azgfd.gov>; Esther Rubin <ERubin@azgfd.gov>; Gary R. Hovatter <GHovatter@azgfd.gov>; Jim Paxon <JPaxon@azgfd.gov>; JCooley <JCooley@azgfd.gov>; Jorge Canaca <JCanaca@azgfd.gov>; Larry Riley <LRiley@azgfd.gov>; Leonard Ordway <LOrdway@azgfd.gov>; Lynda Lambert <LLambert@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>; Randy Babb <RBabb@azgfd.gov>; Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>; Terry Johnson <TJohnson@azgfd.gov>; Tim Snow <TSnow@azgfd.gov>; Tim Wade <TWade@azgfd.gov>; Tom Cadden <TCadden@azgfd.gov>; Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>; Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>; Jim Odenkirk <james.odenkirk@azag.gov>; Jim Odenkirk <JOdenkirk@azgfd.gov>; Linda Pollock <linda.pollock@azag.gov>; Linda Pollock <LPollock@azgfd.gov>
Sent: Tue, Nov 20, 2012 3:26 pm
Subject: Jaguar Location Maps & the Historical Record

Dave, Randy,

This is a follow-up to voice mails I left for both of you on your phones.

Dennis Wagner, the senior investigative reporter for the Arizona Republic is doing a series on Macho B that is set to run sometime about the middle of December. I have sat down with him several times and been as honest and open as I can about this case . . . the good, the bad, and the ugly. During a discussion with him today, he mentioned that the AR is going to build a map, as part of the series, that is intended to portray jaguar land in Arizona. He said they were going to use the JAGCT jaguar emphasis area, a plot of jaguar photo locations from BJDP, and the CBD map. When he mentioned that map, my ears perked up since, during the course of the short-live CBD lawsuit against us, they used their map as part of the discussion. From what we learned then, I find their map highly suspect . . . essentially, they appear to have drawn a circle (50 mile radius, I believe) around every historic record of a jaguar report. They essentially treated all sightings as of equal quality. The end result is a map that shows all of Arizona has jaguar range/habitat.

I asked if he had seen the map you produced and he said he had, but it was of such poor quality (a copy of a copy of a copy) that it was nor that usable. I suggested he contract you gentlemen and discuss your perspective on the mapping and historical sighting record. He asked for contact info and I provided him phone numbers.

Just wanted you to have a heads up should he call.

—Gary
Gary Hovatter
AZGFD

James Driscoll

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 11:48 AM
To: 'Sferra, Susan'; 'Jean Calhoun'
Cc: 'Steve_Spangle@fws.gov'; Larry Riley; James Driscoll
Subject: RE: AGFD/USFWS Reporting Protocol
Attachments: Reporting Flow Chart.doc

Susan and Jean: Here is flow-chart of our jaguar/ocelot observation reports. At the end of the document, I have added how I envision everyone's roles/responsibilities pertaining to the UA monitoring project. Please take a look at these and let me know if they need tweaking.

Give me a call if you have any questions.

Thanks,

Tim

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Phone call received

People / Jaguar or Ocelot
in immediate danger
Category 1

jaguar or ocelot injured or
restrained/confined/snared

No

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YES

Advise reporting party that the jaguar or ocelot poses a threat to public safety and that all people should keep out of the area until a public safety officer arrives and advises otherwise (likely a state agency wildlife manager).

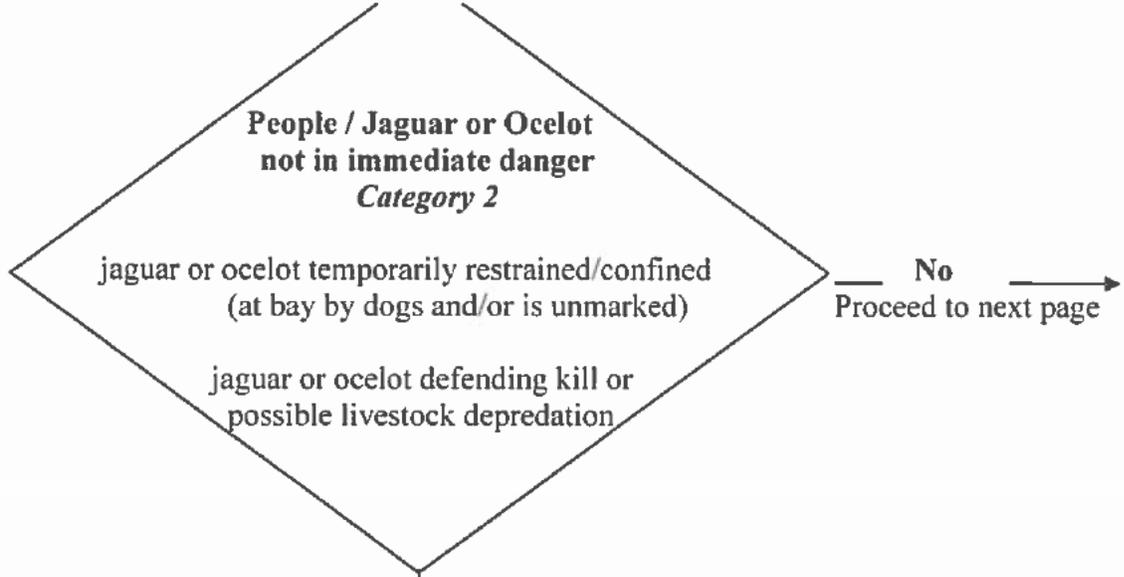
Contact District WM, Sector Supervisor, and Regional Supervisor for immediate response / assessment

Public safety officer (usually the District WM) travels to site and assesses situation.

Initiate Department Jaguar and Ocelot Area of Capture Concern Directives
Contact the Department's Jaguar/Ocelot Conservation Lead (Nongame Branch Chief)

If deemed appropriate by Conservation Lead, Jaguar/Ocelot Capture Guidelines are initiated.

Conservation Lead initiates Class I observation procedures (i.e. contacting USFWS, affected landowners, livestock permit holder, and persons conducting legal trapping or livestock depredation activities in the immediate area).



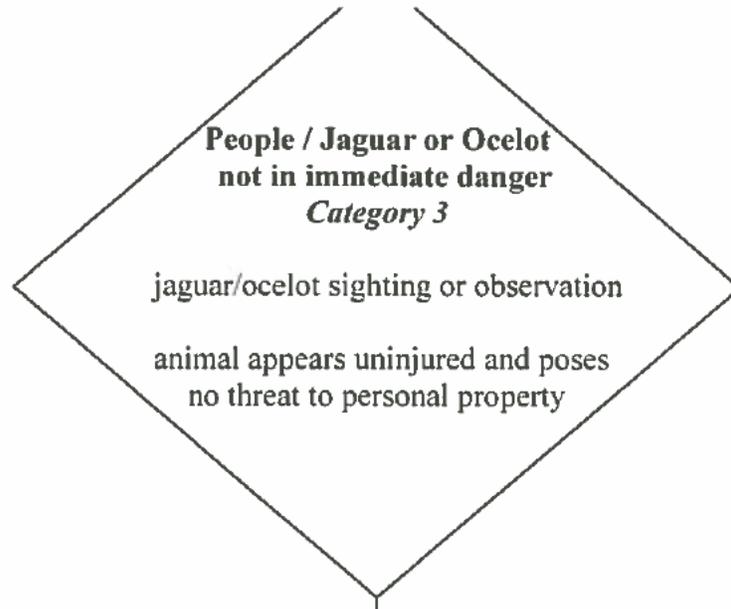
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If deemed appropriate by Conservation Lead, Jaguar/Ocelot Capture Guidelines are initiated.
If appropriate, Jaguar Depredation Committee guidelines are initiated.

Conservation Lead initiates Class I observation procedures
(i.e. contacting USFWS, affected landowners, livestock permit holder, and persons conducting legal trapping or livestock depredation activities in the immediate area).



Class III
unverifiable
not a jaguar/ocelot



YES

Initiate Rare Cat Observation Report procedures following Jaguar/Ocelot AOCC Directive [i.e. contact Conservation Lead and Regional Nongame Specialist (area of observation)]

Regional Nongame Specialist completes Rare Cat Observation Report Form, Initiates Ranking Criteria, and forwards completed form to Conservation Lead and FOR5 Nongame Specialist

FOR5 Nongame Specialist initiates final Ranking

If Class I – initiate contact with USFWS, affected landowners, livestock permit holder, and persons conducting legal trapping or livestock depredation activities in the immediate area. Initiate a follow-up site visit, if possible and timely.

If Class II – contact with USFWS, affected landowners, livestock permit holders, and others not necessary. Initiate follow-up site visit, if possible and timely.

If Class III - contact with affected landowners, livestock permit holders, and others and follow-up site visits, not necessary.

AGFD PERSONNEL ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES REGARDING RARE/ENDANGERED CAT OBSERVATIONS

Class III Observations (unsubstantiated or animal deemed other than a jaguar/ocelot):

Department Personnel Receiving/Responding to reported observation

- Immediately report observation and contact information for the Reporting Party to the Nongame Specialist for the Region in which the observation occurred
- Gather detailed account information or fill out an *Endangered Cat Observation Form* indicating reason(s) for classification as a Class III observation

Nongame Specialist (area of observation)

- Ensure *Endangered Cat Observation Form* is filled out [i.e. contact/interview Reporting Party or ensure account information is recorded by AGFD personnel (e.g. Wildlife Manager or other field personnel)]
- Forward *Endangered Cat Observation Form* to FOR5 Nongame Specialist, Nongame Birds & Mammals Program Manager, and AGFD Jaguar/Ocelot Conservation Lead (Nongame Branch Chief)

Nongame Branch Chief

- No action required; initiate Jaguar/Ocelot AOCC Directive cross program and up-line reporting as deemed appropriate

Class I or Class II Observations (probable or verified jaguar/ocelot observation):

Department Personnel Receiving/Responding to reported observation

- Immediately report observation and contact information for the Reporting Party to the Nongame Specialist for the Region in which the observation occurred
- Gather detailed account information or fill out an *Endangered Cat Observation Form* indicating reason(s) for classification as Class I or Class II observation
- Assist Regional Nongame Specialist in obtaining verifiable account information (i.e. physical evidence) including conducting field investigation(s) as deemed appropriate

Nongame Specialist (area of observation)

- Immediately contact AGFD Jaguar/Ocelot Conservation Lead (Nongame Branch Chief) and provide detailed account information (e.g. specific location of occurrence, date of occurrence)
- Immediately contact appropriate Regional Personnel (area of observation): Regional Supervisor, District Wildlife Manager, Sector Supervisor – Initiate Jaguar/Ocelot AOCC Directives for Regional activities
- Ensure *Endangered Cat Observation Form* is filled out [i.e. contact/interview Reporting Party or ensure account information is recorded by AGFD personnel (e.g. Wildlife Manager or other field personnel)]
- Forward *Endangered Cat Observation Form* to FOR5 Nongame Specialist, Nongame Birds & Mammals Program Manager, and AGFD Jaguar/Ocelot Conservation Lead (Nongame Branch Chief)

Nongame Branch Chief

- Initiate Jaguar/Ocelot AOCC Directive communications (up-line and cross program coordination including informing the Director; E-Staff; all Regional Supervisors; the Development Branch Chief; FOD and WMD Coordinators; all Branch Chiefs in WMD; and the Information Branch Chief)
- Within 24 hours contact/inform:
 - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Steve Spangle and Jean Calhoun)
 - USFWS will coordinate location information/photo-sharing with University of Arizona Monitoring Project
 - USDA APHIS (Dave Bergman)
 - Appropriate land management agency for area of occurrence (USDA Forest Service, BLM, etc.) – Supervisor level *Note: land management agency responsible for notifying livestock permit holder (area of occurrence)*
 - *Regional Supervisor (area of occurrence)* may be asked to coordinate with land management agency supervisor

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES FOR CONFIRMED JAGUAR/OCELOT DURING UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA MONITORING PROJECT

University of Arizona Project (current lead Lisa Haynes)

- Initiate reporting responsibilities per permit/contract stipulations within 24 hours of confirmed jaguar/ocelot **photograph/tracks/scat**
 - Contact Department of Homeland Security (area of occurrence)
 - Contact USFWS project lead (Susan Sferra)
 - Contact AGFD / NMDGF (state of occurrence); [AGFD Region 5 Nongame Specialist (Tim Snow) and Nongame Birds and Mammals Program Manager (James Driscoll); NMDGF (James Stewart)]
 - Contact land management agency (area of occurrence)
- Coordinate photo sharing with AGFD Region 5 (Tucson) Nongame Specialist (Tim Snow) for spot pattern comparisons

USFWS (current lead Susan Sferra)

- Facilitate reporting/coordination between UA Project and AGFD / NMDGF
 - Confirmed jaguar/ocelot occurrences received by UA Project to AGFD/NMDGF
 - Confirmed jaguar/ocelot occurrences received by AGFD to UA Project
 - Confirmed jaguar/ocelot occurrences received by NMDGF to UA Project
- Initiate internal (USFWS) coordination

AGFD / NMDGF [AGFD Region 5 Nongame Specialist (Tim Snow) and Nongame Birds and Mammals Program Manager (James Driscoll); NMDGF (James Stewart)]

- Treat UA Project jaguar/ocelot observation reports the same as other reports received from the public (i.e. initiate Jaguar/Ocelot AOCC Directive, fill out *Endanger Cat Observation Form*, etc.)
 - Ensure contact has been received by USFWS, USDA Aphis, and land management agency (area of occurrence) **Supervisor level per AGFD protocol**
- Ensure location information for Class I and II jaguar/ocelot observation reports are shared with UA Project (Lisa Haynes)
- Ensure location information for Class I and II jaguar/ocelot observation reports are shared with USFWS lead (Susan Sferra) for UA Project.

Note: Specific location information for confirmed Class I and II observations should be treated as Sensitive Information to prevent potential *TAKE* issues (e.g. undue harassment or pursuit of the animal) or disturbance of research objectives.

- Minimize e-mail chains where possible
- Prevent using location names in file-naming conventions or subject lines
- Keep general locations to the Mountain Range of occurrence as appropriate (smaller mountain ranges, such as Whetstones, Dragoons, or Mule mountains, may be too restrictive)
- Consider timing of occurrence and frequency of occurrence by individuals prior to releasing sensitive information
- USFWS, AGFD/NMGFD, and land management agencies should coordinate release of location information where feasible

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 1:24 PM
To: 'Calhoun, Jean'
Cc: 'jeff_humphrey@fws.gov'
Subject: RE: For your review with quick (today?) turn around - Draft UA jaguar and ocelot press release

Jean, the Huachucas ocelot was first photographed in February 2011, and three times in 2012.

The Whetstones jaguar was an apparently healthy young male weighing about 200 pounds.

Mark

From: Calhoun, Jean [mailto:jean_calhoun@fws.gov]
Sent: Monday, December 17, 2012 1:04 PM
To: Humphrey, Jeff
Cc: Richardson, Scott; Mark A. Hart; Sferra, Susan; Erin Fernandez; Marit Alanen
Subject: Re: For your review with quick (today?) turn around - Draft UA jaguar and ocelot press release

Mark, here are the edits I made an hour ago.

Jean

On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 12:54 PM, Humphrey, Jeff <jeff_humphrey@fws.gov> wrote:
I've asked a couple of questions within my edits.

Do we plan to release all/any of the photos with this news release?

Is it UofA protocol to use scientific names in a news release? We typically only use them only if the subject is of taxonomic question or not clearly recognized by common name (eg. snail or plant).

FWS R2 Regional Office has requested clearance of this.

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On Mon, Dec 17, 2012 at 9:46 AM, Richardson, Scott <scott_richardson@fws.gov> wrote:

All,

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Commented [SS12]: Suggest not including number of paired cameras because UA is not fully deployed yet (they have 50+ paired cameras out) and because they move a subset of cameras from one area to another. Might take more words to explain than worthwhile.

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