

Brittany Oleson

From: Brittany Oleson
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 6:50 AM
To: James Driscoll
Subject: RE: Photo identification

The Nov 16, 2016 cat looks like a new individual to me. I will look at additional photos later and can put together a spot layer comparison if you'd like one, but I just spent a good 15-20 minutes trying to turn this cat into the known Santa Rita or Huachuca cats and could not.

Brit

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Josh Avey; James Driscoll; Tom Jones; Brittany Oleson
Subject: Photo identification

All: We received a new photo (dated Nov 16, 2016) for comparison. Can you please take a look and let Jamey know whether or not this might be a new individual. I have included a photo of the Santa Rita and Huachuca cats for the comparison.

Thanks,

Tim

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Tim Snow

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:57 AM
To: Raul Vega; Tim Snow
Subject: Re [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2017 8:55 AM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: FW: Jaguar Sighting

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 2:00 PM
To: Gilbert Gonzales
Subject: Jaguar Sighting

Gilbert: FYI

This is the phone call I spoke to you about on Monday.

The call was from a Lady named [REDACTED] (no last name) and she was calling for her mother [REDACTED] who lives at [REDACTED]

She said that her mother saw a jaguar across the road from her house in a tree. The sighting was 12-03-2016 at about dark.

[REDACTED]
Spud

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 8:46 AM
To: Brittany Oleson; Tim Snow
Subject: Sighting in the Patagonias?

Importance: High

Is there reason to believe that the Ft. Huachuca jaguar moved into the Patagonias?

I thought that possibility came up at staff yesterday, but I was unable to follow-up

Thanks,

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Tim Snow

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 9:03 AM
To: Brittany Oleson; Mark A. Hart
Subject: RE: Sighting in the Patagonias?

Thanks for the clarification Brit! I wasn't sure on the results, and it got mentioned in yesterday's staff meeting.

-- Tim

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:22 PM
To: Tom Cadden; Josh Avey
Subject: FW: Starting draft of BLM jaguar photo news release
Attachments: BLM Jaguar photo dNewsRelease (AESO & AGFD & BLM joint).doc

From: Humphrey, Jeff [mailto:jeff_humphrey@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 11:51 AM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>; June Lowery <jlowery@blm.gov>
Subject: Starting draft of BLM jaguar photo news release

Thanks for talking.

Here's a starter for you consideration and editing.

(The FWS quote has not been cleared.)

NOTE NEW ADDRESS:
DOI-US Fish and Wildlife Service
Attn: Jeff Humphrey
9828 North 31st Ave #C3
Phoenix AZ 85051-2517
602-242-0210
FAX: 602-242-2513
<http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/>

"The practice of conservation must spring from a conviction of what is ethically and aesthetically right, as well as what is economically expedient." A. Leopold 1947

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:26 PM
To: Tom Cadden
Subject: RE: Text from Jaguar news releases

I will use these as a template for our back-up news release, OK?

MH

From: Tom Cadden
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 12:02 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Text from Jaguar news releases

Mark – Below is the text from the Dec. 7 and Dec. 14 news releases:

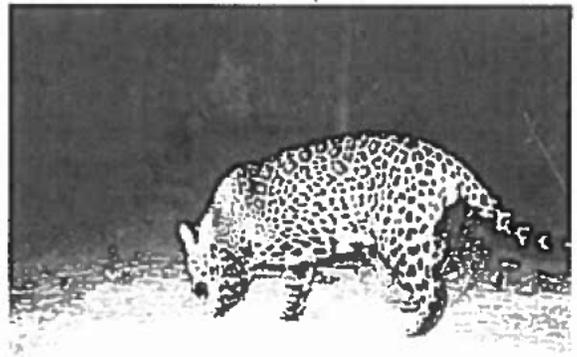
Dec. 7, 2016 news release

Jaguar photograph taken by Fort Huachuca trail camera

PHOENIX — The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently received a photograph of a jaguar taken by a Fort Huachuca trail camera in the Huachuca Mountains. Fort Huachuca is a U.S. Army installation near Sierra Vista in southeastern Arizona.

“Preliminary indications are that the cat is a male jaguar and, potentially, an individual not previously seen in Arizona,” said Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, regional director for the Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. “We are working with the Arizona Game and Fish Department to determine if this sighting represents a new individual jaguar.”

“While this is exciting news, we are examining photographic evidence to determine if we’re seeing a new cat here, or if this is an animal that has been seen in Arizona before,” said Jim deVos, assistant director of the department’s Wildlife Management Division. “We look forward to partnering with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and thoroughly vetting the evidence.”



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AZGFD, USFWS and Fort Huachuca personnel will notify the public when the final determination is made.

Dec. 14, Dec. 14 news release

AZGFD: Photographed jaguar is newcomer to Arizona

New jaguar may be the only one confirmed in Arizona

PHOENIX — Scientists at the Arizona Game and Fish Department (AZGFD) completed an independent analyses of trail cam photos of a jaguar in the Huachuca Mountains and confirmed that the animal has not been seen previously in Arizona.

“Five scientists from the department independently examined the photos from the new sighting with those from previous jaguars in Arizona to compare spot patterns and concluded that this animal has not been sighted in previously in the state,” said Jim deVos, assistant director for Wildlife Management at AZGFD.

“While recognizing the importance of finding a new jaguar in Arizona, it is also important to point out that this animal, like all other jaguars observed in Arizona in at least 50 years, is a solitary male and that the closest breeding population of this species is about 130 miles south of the International Border,” added deVos.

The other most recent sighting of a jaguar in Arizona was in the Santa Rita Mountains in southern Arizona; however, that animal has not been documented in the state since September 2015. Prior to September 2015, this jaguar was photographed hundreds of times over a three-year period.

“Jaguars are a unique component of this state’s wildlife diversity and it is exciting to document a new visitor. However, in the absence of female jaguars and with the irregularity with which we document any jaguar presence in Arizona, this sighting in early December is important, but not an indicator of an establishing population in the state,” said deVos.



Tim Snow

From: Matthew Pelto
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:16 PM
To: Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Possible Jaguar Sighting

Tim,

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Matt Pelto

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From: Johnson, Raymond [<mailto:rjohnson@blm.gov>]
Sent: Friday, December 23, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Matthew Pelto
Subject: Possible Jaguar Sighting

A woman reported to me today that a few days ago she saw a large black cat off highway 70 coming back towards Safford. She said it was right above where you come out of Duncan out of the hill onto the flats near where the speed limit increases to 65 MPH. She said she saw it sitting next to the road on the north and saw it cross and stop on the south side. She said she thought it was a lion but it was completely black. She said she saw the large paws, slick black hair and large tail. As she got closer the cat ran south.

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Merry Christmas to you and your family.

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From: Tim Snow
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 3:23 PM
To: Matthew Pelto
Subject: RE: Possible Jaguar Sighting

No worries Matt. Our protocol is that we try to verify all of them either through physical evidence, photo, or credibility of the witness and their statements. Of course 3rd-party reports are not very credible, and the timing of this incident makes it nearly impossible to follow-up on, so I do not need anything else at this time.

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To: 'Richardson, Scott'; Sferra, Susan; Bergman, David L - APHIS
(David.L.Bergman@aphis.usda.gov); smalusa@email.arizona.edu
Cc: James Driscoll; 'Alanen, Marit'
Subject: Jaguar Update for March 2017

All: Here is the first update as of the end of February. As per our discussion, I will be sending this out to the group at the beginning of each month (however, this one is a few days early).

Confirmed Class I (w/ physical evidence or photograph):

Jaguar 1 (media called it el jefe) -- First observed in the Whetstone Mtns, Nov 2011 -- Last observation in the Santa Rita Mtns, Sept 2015

Jaguar 2 -- First observation in the Huachuca Mtns, Nov 2016 -- Last observation in the Huachuca Mtns, Jan 17 2017

Jaguar 3 -- First observation in the Dos Cabezas Mtns, Nov 2016 (reported in Feb 2017) -- Last observation in the Dos Cabezas Mtns, Nov 2016

Please take a look at the format and let me know if this suffices or if you need something different. Also, if there needs to be anyone added/removed in the distribution list please let me know as well.

Thanks,

Tim

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:07 AM
To: Bill Andres; Josh Avey; Tom Cadden
Subject: RE: DRAFT news release on new jaguar - BLM trail cam photo

Bill, changes made, good catch on the January 2017 sighting. Would prefer to explain by phone if you need clarification.

Mark

From: Bill Andres
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2017 4:39 PM
To: Tom Cadden <TCadden@azgfd.gov>; Josh Avey <javey@azgfd.gov>; Jim deVos <JdeVos@azgfd.gov>; Larry Voyles <LVoyles@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>; Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>
Subject: RE: DRAFT news release on new jaguar - BLM trail cam photo

Good strategy, Tom and Mark:

It would be preferable to get this news out before someone else does, so if we don't hear from Jeff soon enough, I'd recommend we get Mark's release out.

I made a couple of suggested changes to Mark's draft; they are attached.

Thanks for moving this one forward, guys!

ba

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From: Tom Cadden
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To: Josh Avey <javey@azgfd.gov>; Jim deVos <JdeVos@azgfd.gov>; Larry Voyles <LVoyles@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Bill Andres <BAndres@azgfd.gov>; Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>; Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>
Subject: DRAFT news release on new jaguar - BLM trail cam photo

All:

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From: Mark A. Hart
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To: Bill Andres
Subject: RE: DRAFT news release on new jaguar - BLM trail cam photo

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Mark

From: Bill Andres
Sent: Wednesday, March 01, 2017 8:11 AM
To: Josh Avey <javey@azgfd.gov>; Tom Cadden <TCadden@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Jim deVos <JdeVos@azgfd.gov>; Larry Voyles <LVoyles@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>; Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>; Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>
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Agreed, Josh. Thanks for your assessment.

Tom and Mark, please be prepped to get this out today.

Let's talk again before noon to see where we are, and please let us all know if we hear from Jeff before then.

Thanks,
ba

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Subject: FW: DRAFT news release on new jaguar - BLM trail cam photo

Tom,

Our "Department-only" release looks great. I would hope we'd get to take a look at the USFWS and BLM quotes prior to the joint release going out, but the remaining portions of that release look good too. I think we should move forward with our Department release by noon tomorrow, if we haven't seen/approved the joint release by then (this is something that USFWS and BLM both understood might happen if they couldn't get prompt approval on their end).

Thanks for all your work on this,

JTA

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Thursday, March 02, 2017 6:24 AM
To: E-News
Subject: Re: News Release: Jaguar photographed in southern Arizona's Cochise County

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 1, 2017, at 10:05 PM, AZGFD <e-news@azgfd.gov> wrote:

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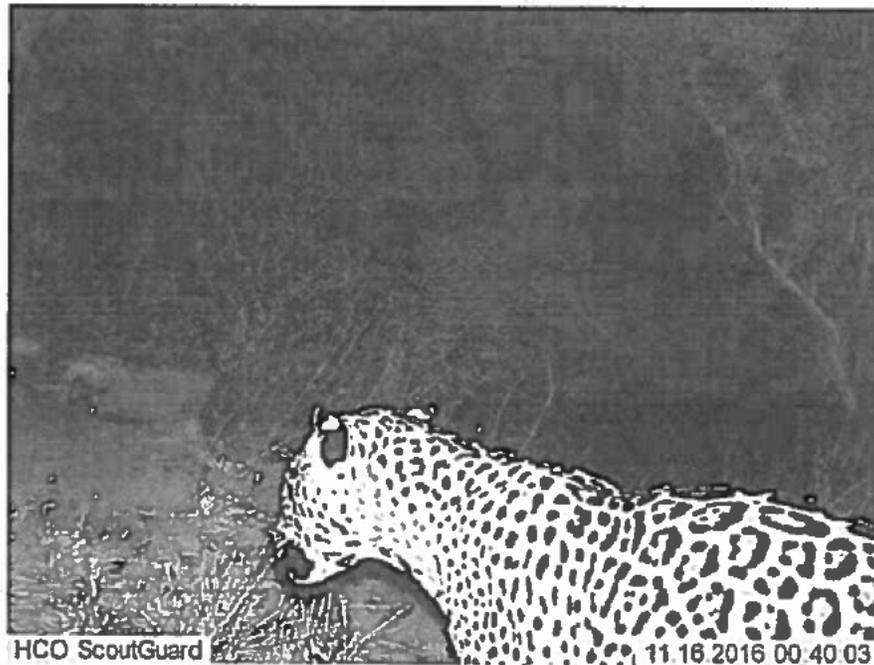


NEWS RELEASE

For immediate release, March 2, 2017
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Bureau of Land Management

Contacts:
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Mark Hart, AZGFD, (520) 388-4445
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Jaguar photographed in southern Arizona's Cochise County



PHOENIX — The third jaguar documented in southern Arizona since September 2012 was photographed by a Bureau of Land Management trail camera in Cochise County. The image was taken on Nov. 16, 2016, in the Dos Cabezas Mountains 60 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border; the camera data was only recently retrieved. This is the only jaguar photographed by this BLM-deployed camera since it was installed in August 2016. The camera remains on site.

Five Arizona Game and Fish Department scientists have independently completed an analysis of the photo, comparing the jaguar's spot patterns to other jaguars sighted previously in Arizona. They concluded that this animal has not been previously identified. The sex of the jaguar cannot be determined by the photo.

"Since 2012, an increase in trail camera monitoring of mountainous habitat in southern Arizona has provided increased documentation and a better understanding of jaguar presence and habitat preferences," said Steve Spangle, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Arizona Field Supervisor. "This supports the phenomenon that jaguars seeking territories outside of competitive breeding areas in Mexico continue to occasion Arizona."

"This is a unique development. Jaguars are a historical component of Arizona's wildlife diversity," said Jim deVos, Assistant Director for Wildlife Management at the Arizona Game and Fish Department. "However, given the irregularity with which jaguar presence in Arizona is documented, even with the expanded use of trail cameras, this sighting is not an indication that jaguars are establishing a population in Arizona."

"BLM managed public lands in the vicinity of the Dos Cabezas Mountains provide an important wildlife corridor and landscape linkage to the northern end of the Chiricahua Mountains," said BLM Safford Field Office Manager Scott Cooke. "We are excited that we were able to document the jaguar utilizing public land and are pleased to share that information with our partners at the Fish and Wildlife Service and Arizona Game and Fish Department."

A male jaguar was repeatedly documented in the Whetstone and Santa Rita Mountains 2011-2015. Another male has been twice photographed in the Huachuca Mountains in December 2016 and January 2017.

The jaguar has been protected in the U.S. as endangered under the Endangered Species Act since 1997.

Automated camera photos of jaguars and ocelots in southern Arizona (including the referenced BLM photo) are posted on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Flickr page at <http://bit.ly/TapYhK>.

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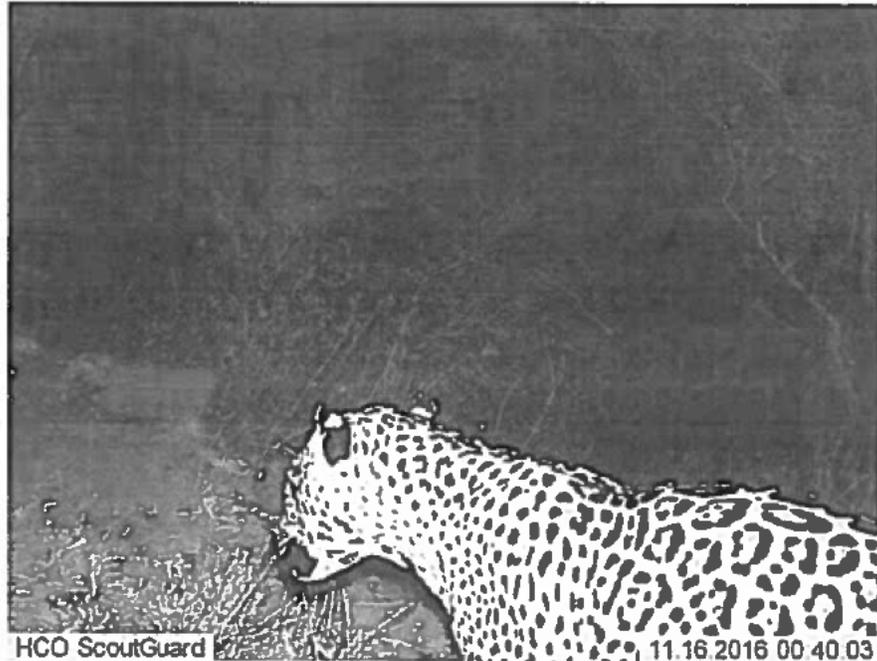
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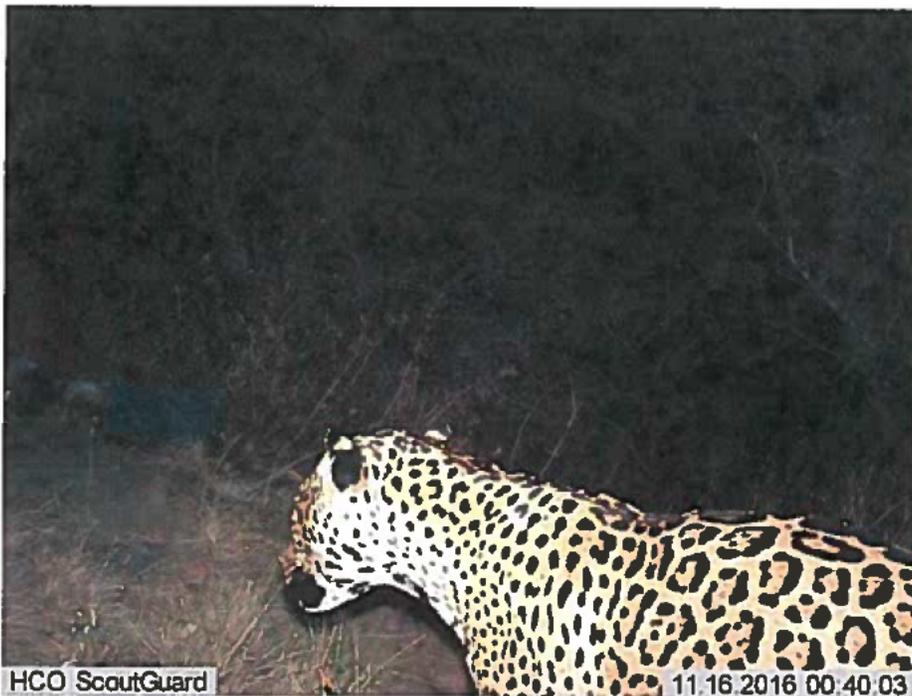
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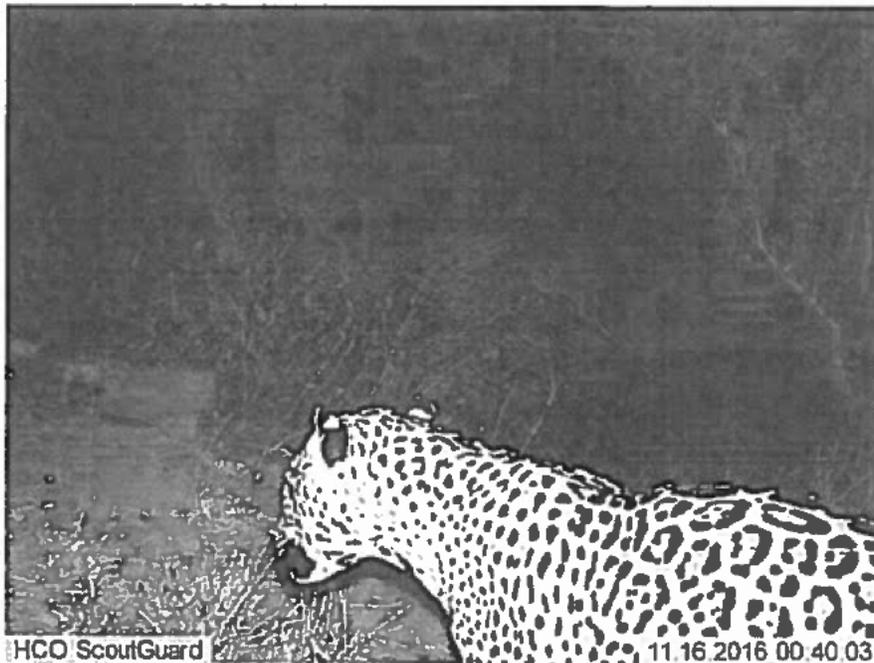


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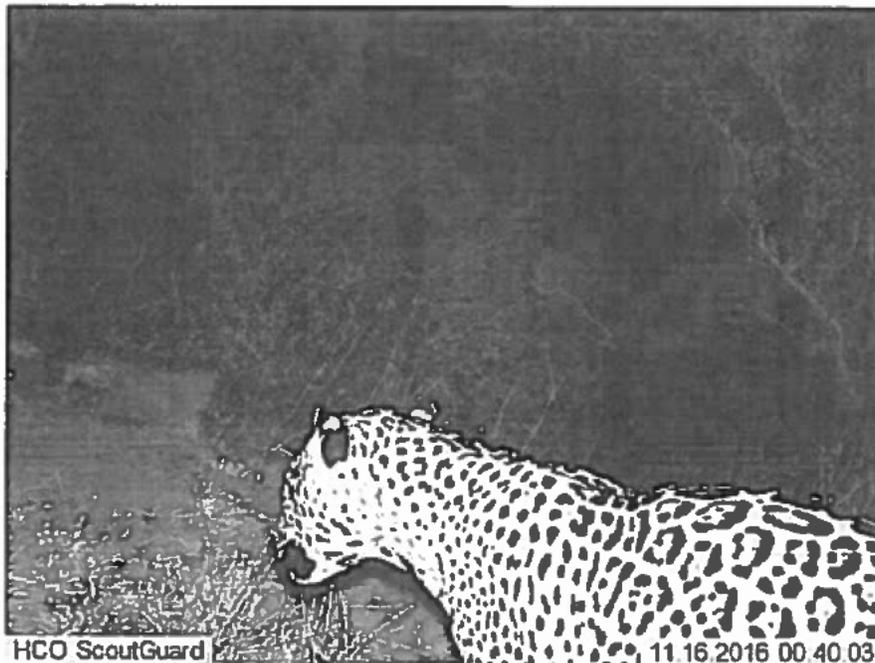


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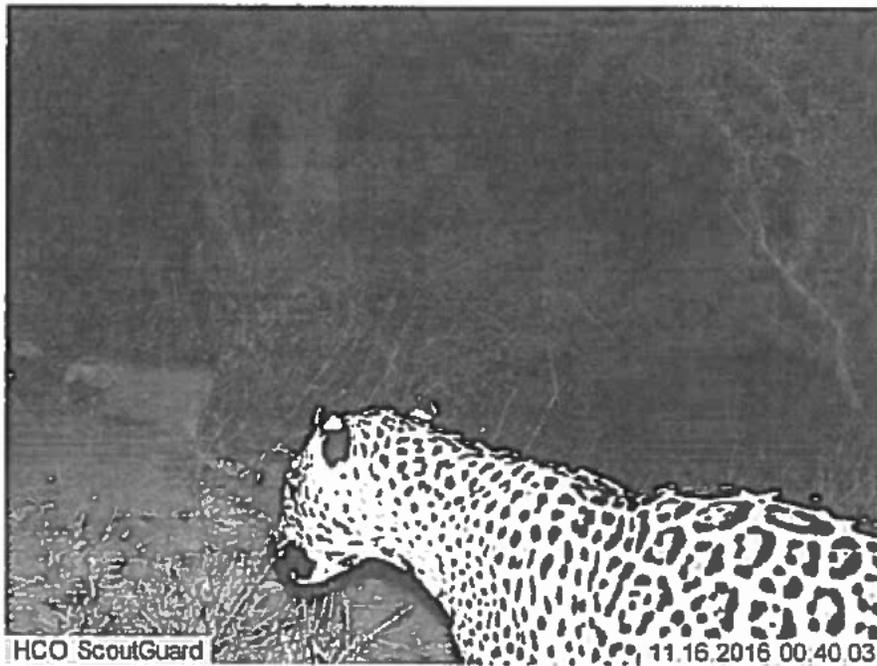
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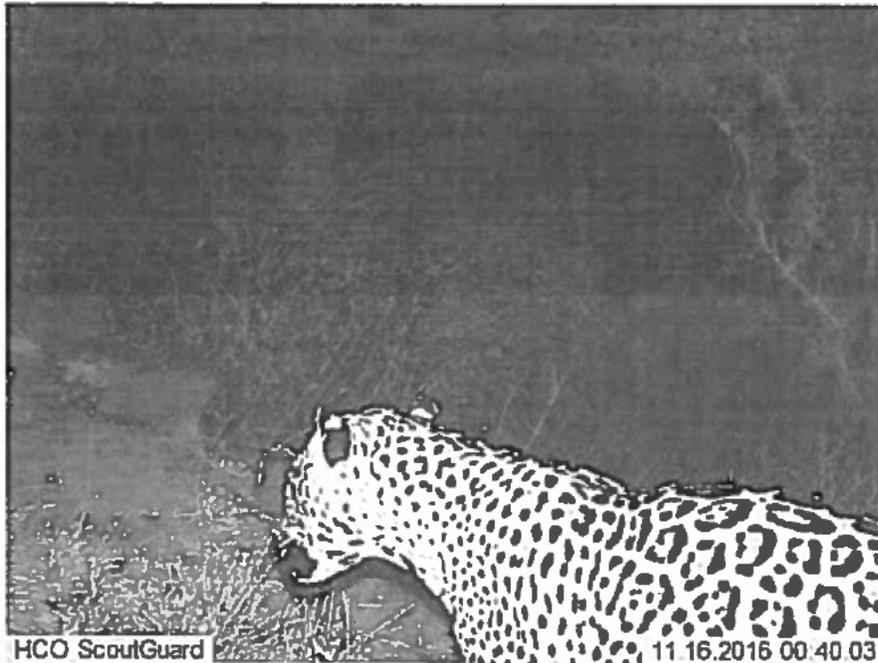
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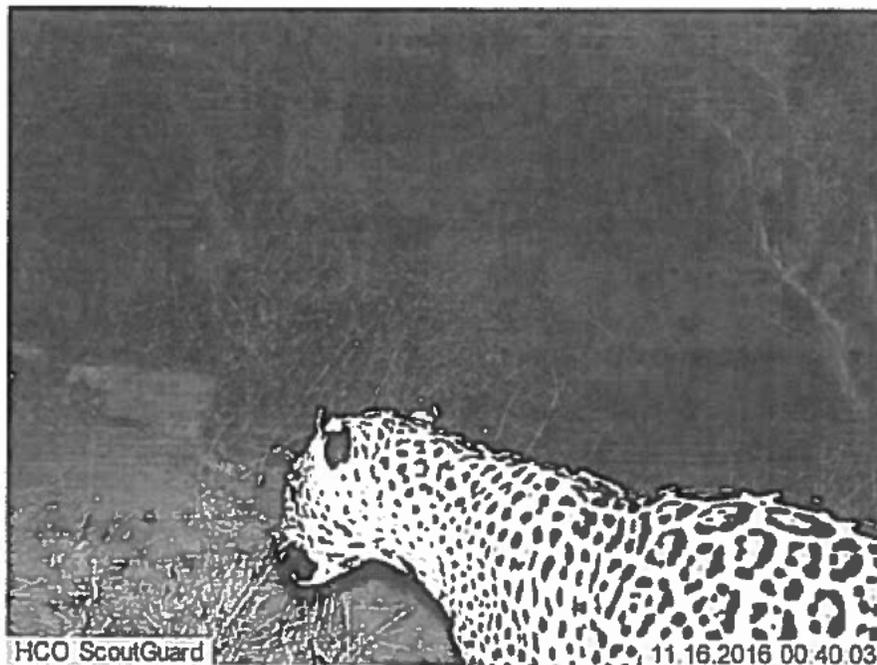


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Wow, Ainslee. That was in 1986, I'm impressed.

Mark

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No, that's fine -- this is certainly big news!! I'm just hoping a [REDACTED] doesn't go after it. I imagine they have learned their lesson.

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [Arizona Daily Star] New jaguar photographed in Southern Arizona; third seen here since '12

Tony, [REDACTED] first saw the Whetstone's jaguar in November 2011, it was sighted via trail cam in the Santa Ritas in 2012.

http://tucson.com/news/local/new-jaguar-photographed-in-southern-arizona-third-seen-here-since/article_53e1460c-ff6d-11e6-9c8a-b3ad3d2f7be1.html?utm_medium=social&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=user-share

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Importance: High

Almost. So-called "El Jefe" was photographed once in the Whetstones, not by trail cam but through direct observation, in November 2011. It later moved to the Santa Ritas, where a trail cameras first documented it in 2012.

Make sense?

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Would that be correct?

And the outline to:

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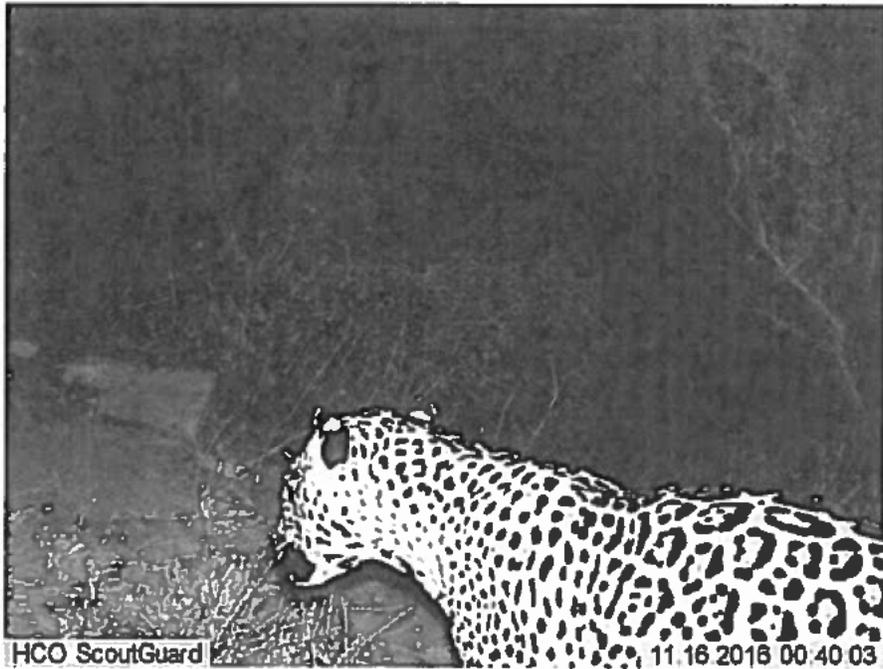
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From: Mark A. Hart
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To: 'dylansmith@tucsonsentinel.com'
Subject: Dos Cabezas jaguar

Importance: High

Dylan, trail cams started picking up SE AZ jaguars in 2012. But the first photo of the jaguar known as El Jefe was taken through direct observation in the field in November 2011.

The press release contains a quote that is confusing the issue.

Just thought you should know.

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Clarification to jaguar photo news release

March 2, 2017

Contact:

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TUCSON —To clear up any possible confusion from the news release issued today, please note the following clarification: The Dos Cabezas jaguar is the third jaguar photographed in the southeastern Arizona region by trail camera since September 2012. However, the jaguar photographed by trail camera in September 2012 was first observed in the field and photographed in November 2011 in the Whetstone Mountains.

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