

Tim Snow

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Friday, April 26, 2013 9:14 AM
To: Dan Groebner
Subject: FW: Black cat sighting

Dan – FYI. Per Directive, I thought I'd forward this to you. I do not believe we need to follow-up at this point, as the observation was back in February. Being "black", "young", more than 1 individual, and the fact that we have no way to substantiate it at this time, I do not suspect these to be anything other than a Class III observation (Unsubstantiated).

I did not attempt to call the individual. If you choose to do so, please let me know if we need to change classification.

Thanks,

Tim

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From: Bill Vanpelt
Sent: Tuesday, April 23, 2013 2:58 PM
To: Tim Snow
Subject: Black cat sighting

Tim,

I thought I had sent this to you but I cannot find my email so I am sending it again. On Feb 15, 2013 I received a call from a [REDACTED] saying he observed 2 young black cat like animals near [REDACTED] (which I believe is in Region 1). He observed the animals about 7:10 in the morning. HE had heard about black jaguars and thought he would report it. His phone number is [REDACTED]

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James Driscoll

From: Mike Rabe
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 8:43 AM
To: Tim Snow
Cc: James Driscoll
Subject: FW: New Jaguar Pics - Trail Cameras - CouesWhitetail.com Discussion forum

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--Gary/SA

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Thanks all,

As I think all the Macho B veterans know, the other challenge with photos like this is: How do we validate any of these photos when we really know nothing about the circumstances of the camera location and have only the poster's word that they were a) taken in Arizona/the U.S., b) taken on the date indicated, c) have not been in any way manipulated. In cases where we can do the analysis and determine the photo(s) are of a known animal(s), we at least have some confidence that the photos are real, but we have had a number of instances over the past several years where old photos/non-U.S. photos were posted as purported "new" photos from Arizona. At best, this results in really cluttered records. At worst, it lends itself to having unsubstantiated photos become part of the record and influencing conservation decisions.

All that said, I don't know that there is any useful alternative to simply continuing to monitor this and other sites and, when we can, developing relationships with the posters that may give us better access to their data in the future.

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Mike -- We have sought information from [REDACTED] on multiple occasions (every time he has posted to Coueswhitetail) [REDACTED] is reluctant to share any information, despite him being a former intern with the Department.

There is also another forum member [REDACTED], which I do not know his real name) that works for the Border Patrol and posts pictures of jaguar/ocelots [REDACTED] has joked with him "make sure [he] is using his personal cameras and not his government cameras" when posting. We have not been able to gather any additional information from either one; only able to monitor their posts. In every instance, I look at these to see if they represent something new. Some of the posts are poor quality photos in which I have not been able to match spots. Of the ones that I can match spots, these have all

been from the Nov 2011 jaguar or one of the individual ocelots from the Huachuca Mtns (i.e. nothing new to report). Without location information and dates, they really do not mean a whole lot; no different than a photo from Mexico.

The only thing we can say about the most recent post is that the photos are the same individual that we have been getting photos of since Nov 2011.

It's interesting that [REDACTED] claims 47 photos from 8 different locations.

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 2:29 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: New Jaguar Pics - Trail Cameras - CouesWhitetail.com Discussion forum

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 29, 2013 2:13 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Re: New Jaguar Pics - Trail Cameras - CouesWhitetail.com Discussion forum

that's our boy. Any idea where this camera is set up?



On Apr 29, 2013, at 8:41 AM, Mark A. Hart wrote:

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 12:46 PM
To: Jim Paxon
Subject: RE: T.Davis FOIA to FWS on October Jaguar Photos

Thanks, Jim.

From: Jim Paxon
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 12:31 PM
To: Raul Vega; Mark A. Hart
Subject: FW: T.Davis FOIA to FWS on October Jaguar Photos

Raul and Mark, Just an fyi. Jim

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From: Jim Paxon
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2013 10:03 AM
To: Ty Gray; Gary R. Hovatter; Larry Riley; Kellie Tharp; Scott Lavin; PIO-HQ; Jim Odenkirk; Linda Pollock; Jim Hinkle
Cc: Mike Rabe
Subject: T.Davis FOIA to FWS on October Jaguar Photos

All, Telecon with Jeff Humphreys PAO for FWS-Phx that Tony Davis had FOIA'd all photos of any jaguar in the proposed Rosemont Mine area. They have one photo that shows the catchment tank in the background and their solicitors say that they cannot withhold or crop. They are supplying their photos to Mr. Davis today. Wanted you to know. Jim

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Ty Gray

From: Gary R. Hovatter
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 9:33 AM
Cc: Larry Voyles; Craig McMullen; Scott Lavin; Ben Altoneder; Bill Vanpelt; Bob Broscheid; Brian Wakeling; Esther Rubin; Gary R. Hovatter; Jim Hinkle; Jim Paxon; Jon Cooley; Jorge Canaca; Larry Riley; Lynda Lambert; Mark A. Hart; Mike Rabe; 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 Rumor
Importance: High

Chairman Harris and Members of the Commission,

I received a call last night from [REDACTED] the USFWS Special Agent in Charge for Law Enforcement matters in Region 2 of the USFWS. He was attempting to pin down a rumor emerging from the Douglas area that a female jaguar had been hit by a car in that area.

I convened a quick meeting/conference call of our relevant staff. The key participant was RS Raul Vega/500. Bottom line is that RS Vega and the WM from the Douglas area have backtracked multiple sources and determined, fairly definitively, that this is a bogus report. RS Vega is documenting our investigative efforts against future calls/reports about this "jaguar". We are also informing our partners in these matters (Steve Spangle, Melanie Culver, etc.) so that they are not caught by surprise.

I have Cc'd RS McMullen and Scott Lavin since this is the sort of thing that could light up the sportsmen's blogs. Ultimately, we can't prove the negative, so I suspect this will become a part of the "hidden history" of jaguars in Arizona.

I will also inform Kevin Kinsall in the Governor's office.

V/R,
Gary R. Hovatter
AZGFD

James Driscoll

From: Larry Riley
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:27 AM
To: Raul Vega; James Driscoll
Cc: Mike Rabe; Gary R. Hovatter
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Rumor of a dead jaguar received on May 7, 2013

Larry Riley (Wildlife Management Division) was contacted by Ms. Jean Calhoun of the US Fish and Wildlife Service by telephone at approximately 12:45 PM on 7 May, 2013. Ms. Calhoun reported that she had been advised of a rumor of a dead jaguar in the vicinity of Douglass, Arizona. She heard the rumor at a Borderlands Meeting among federal employees that day. An individual from NRCS had advised her of the rumor that was circulating around the Douglass area.

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Upon speaking with Ms. Calhoun, Larry Riley (WMHQ) notified James Driscoll (WMNG). Riley and Driscoll contacted Regional Supervisor Raul Vega to report the rumor and to request his assistance in investigating. RS Vega contacted NRCS and Ms. Calhoun to ensure he understood the rumor reported to Riley.

Riley relayed the reported rumor to the Director and Executive Staff on the afternoon of 7 May.

After initial contact with RS Vega and RS Vega's initial report back to Driscoll, Riley followed up by phone with Ms. Calhoun on the afternoon of 7 May. Riley indicated that initial inquiries suggested that this was rumor and no factual information had been established as of that time. To our knowledge no jaguar carcass had been viewed or handled by AZGFD personnel. Riley reiterated to Ms. Calhoun that we operate under strict protocols. Had a jaguar been sighted or had the Department been notified of a carcass, AZGFD protocol (per 10A1A permit and internal directive) requires notification of the USFWS immediately (within 24 hours).

Special Assistant Gary Hovatter was contacted by Agent Nick Chavez (USFWS) regarding the rumor. Mr. Hovatter assembled a meeting among AZGFD personnel – Riley, Hinkle, Gray, Rabe, Vega, and Cooley – at 9 AM on 8 May to review the situation. RS Vega reported on what he had learned thus far based upon contacts with NRCS, and AZGFD Wildlife Managers in the Douglass area. No factual information had emerged. Mr. Hovatter attempted to follow-up by phone with Agent Chavez.

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To: Raul Vega; James Driscoll
Cc: Joe Sacco; Mark A. Hart; Brad Fulk; Jon McClard
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Raul and Jamey:

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To: Raul Vega; Duane Aubuchon

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All,
As per Mr. Hovatter's request, please document any information you hear about this rumor or any involvement you may have reference this topic/rumor and send to me so that I can summarize.
Thx
RV

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

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

From: Larry Riley
Sent: Wednesday, May 08, 2013 10:27 AM US Mountain Standard Time
To: Raul Vega; James Driscoll
Cc: Mike Rabe; Gary R. Hovatter
Subject: Documenting contacts regarding the Jaguar Rumor of May 7, 2013

Mr. Hovatter suggested we document contacts and what we have learned and when in reference to trying to investigate this rumor. Here's my part of the report. It is prudent to document the report and classify it as we would any other reported sighting. I hope this will be useful.

Rumor of a dead jaguar received on May 7, 2013

Larry Riley (Wildlife Management Division) was contacted by Ms. Jean Calhoun of the US Fish and Wildlife Service by telephone at approximately 12:45 PM on 7 May, 2013. Ms. Calhoun reported that she had been advised of a rumor of a dead jaguar in the vicinity of Douglass, Arizona. She heard the rumor at a Borderlands Meeting among federal employees that day. An individual from NRCS had advised her of the rumor that was circulating around the Douglass area.

Ms. Calhoun related her understanding of the 3rd hand rumor as follows: A jaguar was found dead in the vicinity of [REDACTED] Douglass, Arizona. There was no specific date or time associated with this event, but was suggested that it occurred perhaps 2 weeks prior to this date. The animal was described as a lactating female. There was no attribution to any individual that observed this animal. The rumor continued, indicating that Arizona Game and Fish had retrieved the carcass – again without any attribution to any individual that picked the animal up. Subsequently, according to the rumor, houndsmen were using their dogs to attempt to locate kittens.

Upon speaking with Ms. Calhoun, Larry Riley (WMHQ) notified James Driscoll (WMNG). Riley and Driscoll contacted Regional Supervisor Raul Vega to report the rumor and to request his assistance in investigating. RS Vega contacted NRCS and Ms. Calhoun to ensure he understood the rumor reported to Riley.

Riley relayed the reported rumor to the Director and Executive Staff on the afternoon of 7 May.

After initial contact with RS Vega and RS Vega's initial report back to Driscoll, Riley followed up by phone with Ms. Calhoun on the afternoon of 7 May. Riley indicated that initial inquiries suggested that this was rumor and no factual information had been established as of that time. To our knowledge no jaguar carcass had been viewed or handled by AZGFD personnel. Riley reiterated to Ms. Calhoun that we operate under strict protocols. Had a jaguar been sighted or had the Department been notified of a carcass, AZGFD protocol (per 10A1A permit and internal directive) requires notification of the USFWS immediately (within 24 hours).

Special Assistant Gary Hovatter was contacted by Agent Nick Chavez (USFWS) regarding the rumor. Mr. Hovatter assembled a meeting among AZGFD personnel – Riley, Hinkle, Gray, Rabe, Vega, and Cooley – at 9 AM on 8 May to review the situation. RS Vega reported on what he had learned thus far based upon contacts with NRCS, and AZGFD Wildlife Managers in the Douglass area. No factual information had emerged. Mr. Hovatter attempted to follow-up by phone with Agent Chavez.

Subsequent to the meeting among AZGFD staff, Mike Rabe (WMNG) made phone contact with USFWS Ecological Services Field Supervisor Steve Spangle to ensure that he was aware of the reported rumor and was advised of the lack of factual corroboration at this point.

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James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 2:59 PM
To: Tim Snow
Subject: FW: USBP - Jaguar Pictures
Attachments: IMAG0282cJPG.jpg; ZOOM1c.jpg; ZOOM2c.jpg

Thanks,

Jamey Driscoll
Birds and Mammals Program Manager

Office: 623-236-7581
Cell: 602-541-8812

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From: Spangle, Steve [mailto:steve_spangle@fws.gov]
Sent: Friday, May 17, 2013 2:37 PM
To: James Driscoll
Subject: Fwd: USBP - Jaguar Pictures

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sferra, Susan <susan_sferra@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2013 at 1:45 PM
Subject: USBP - Jaguar Pictures
To: Steve Spangle <Steve_Spangle@fws.gov>, Marit Alanen <Marit_Alanen@fws.gov>, Erin Fernandez <Erin_Fernandez@fws.gov>, Scott Richardson <scott_richardson@fws.gov>
Cc: Jean Calhoun <Jean_Calhoun@fws.gov>

All,
see attached photos and email train below. We are waiting for more info from [REDACTED] on date and location from Border Patrol.

I have also asked [REDACTED] if we have permission to release these photos to AGFD and UA. In the meantime, I will send Tim Snow and Jamey Driscoll the info without the photos. Tim is out of the office until Tuesday.

Susan

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Jean Calhoun <jean_calhoun@fws.gov>
Date: Fri, May 17, 2013 at 1:07 PM
Subject: Re: Jaguar Pictures
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>

Please let us know when you find out, [REDACTED]. We would like to be able to pin this down and inform AGFD. Susan. I'm on the road- would you report this to Tim Snow and see if they are aware of these photos. Also let Steve, Marit and Erin know. Thanks to both of you.
Jean

Sent from my iPhone

On May 15, 2013, at 7:12 PM, [REDACTED]

I will try to follow up tomorrow but what I know so far is they were taken over the past year from an agents personal game cam, **presumab**, in the Nogales area. I know that is vague but I will try to get more info.

[REDACTED]

From: Calhoun, Jean [mailto:jean_calhoun@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, May 15, 2013 09:06 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: FW: Jaguar Pictures

[REDACTED] where and when were the photos taken? We have seen a number taken in the Santa Rita mountains, but I don't recall any in that wet an area. Where did the photos come from?

Thanks for forwarding.
Jean

On Wed, May 15, 2013 at 11:08 AM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Can those be some pictures of the jaguar?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]



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James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Tuesday, May 21, 2013 10:20 AM
To: Leadership Team
Cc: Bill Vanpelt; WMNG
Subject: New Jaguar Photo
Attachments: Jaguar 2013-5-11.jpg

The UofA camera project has taken another photo of a jaguar in the Santa Rita Mountains. I have attached the photo as it does not contain any significant features for someone to determine its exact location. It was taken at another new location in the southern Santa Rita Mountains.

It is hard to distinguish from the photo (look at the middle right-hand side of the picture), but it appears to be the same individual as in the other photos.

Thanks,

Jamey Driscoll
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05.11.2012 03:54:52



Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 5:44 AM
To: 'azempio@yahoo.com'
Subject: Fw: New UA jag photos Fwd: 4-27-13 photos
Attachments: jaguar 2013-4-27b.jpg; jaguar 2013-4-27a.jpg

Mark Hart, PIO AGFD Tucson

From: Sferra, Susan [mailto:susan_sferra@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2013 10:11 PM
To: Erin Fernandez <Erin_Fernandez@fws.gov>; Marit Alanen <Marit_Alanen@fws.gov>; Scott Richardson <scott_richardson@fws.gov>; Jean Calhoun <Jean_Calhoun@fws.gov>; Steve Spangle <Steve_Spangle@fws.gov>; Sarah Rinkevich <sarah_rinkevich@fws.gov>; Jason Douglas <Jason_Douglas@fws.gov>; Jeff Humphrey <Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov>; Larry Jones <ljones02@fs.fed.us>; Mary Anderson <mary_anderson@fws.gov>; Patricia Zenone <Patricia_Zenone@fws.gov>; Rachel Williams <rachel_williams@fws.gov>; Jonathan Andrew <jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov>; Tim Snow; Mark A. Hart; James Driscoll
Subject: New UA jag photos Fwd: 4-27-13 photos

All,
attached are two new UA jaguar photos taken from paired cameras (both sides of jaguar photographed) on April 27, 2013. Photos were taken at the same location as the January 2013 jaguar photo in the Santa Rita mountains.

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From: Haynes, Elizabeth A - (lynx) <lynx@email.arizona.edu>
Date: Thu, May 23, 2013 at 5:21 PM
Subject: 4-27-'13 photos
To: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>

James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Friday, May 24, 2013 10:41 AM
To: Leadership Team
Cc: WMNG
Subject: Jaguar Sighting
Attachments: jaguar 2013-4-27a.jpg

The UofA camera project has taken another photo of a jaguar in the Santa Rita Mountains.

We have not implemented the Contact Tree as it is traveling back and forth and is being photographed at the same locations previously documented. We will implement the Contract Tree if it is photographed in a different area.

Thanks,

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04.27.2013 21:34:24

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, May 28, 2013 12:37 PM
To: Martina Fuller
Subject: FW: Jag & ocelot info sheets
Attachments: Radio Room - Jaguar SOP.doc; Radio Room - Spotted Cat SOP.doc

Martina, here are the jaguar and ocelot information sheets we need to revise into a handout for the general public. Please print out and edit the heading, then cut from the bottom, and show me what you propose to do. Or, see me if these instructions are confusing. Then you can call the contact below to pick up and produce, ask her for a Proof" (i.e., sample) before printing. Thanks.

Kathy Simonson

Customer Advocate

<image001.jpg>
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From: Tim Snow
Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2013 1:02 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Jag & ocelot info sheets

Sorry Mark, I forgot to send these to you. Here you go.

-- Tim

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James Driscoll

From: Elmore Storbeck
Sent: Tuesday, June 04, 2013 1:51 PM
To: Gene Elms
Cc: James Driscoll; Mike Rabe; Tim Snow; Chris Bagnoli; Jim Paxon; Larry Riley; Gary R. Hovatter; Paulina Bailey
Subject: RE: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

I think the only question we have is why are there 2 different SOP's for Ocelots and Jaguar when the SOP reads the same?

In an earlier email below, the mention of using the OGT telephone number to post for these calls **is not** an option. They can use 623-236-7201. The OGT line is already abused and should be used for Game Violations **ONLY!**

Thanks,

Moe Storbeck

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From: Moe Storbeck [mailto:estorbeck@cox.net]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 9:02 PM
To: Elmore Storbeck
Subject: FW: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

From: Gene Elms [mailto:GElms@azgfd.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 8:40 PM
To: Moe Storbeck
Subject: FW: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Moe, please give me your thoughts on these, sops

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Friday, April 19, 2013 3:20 PM
To: Gene Elms; Tracie Ross
Cc: Gary R. Hovatter; Larry Riley; Jon Cooley; Mike Rabe; Jim Paxon; Tim Snow; Chris Bagnoli
Subject: RE: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Gene,

With the help of Tracie (who gave us the old Radio Room SOPs), Tim Snow, Chris Bagnoli and I drafted new Radio Room SOPs for a Dispatcher to appropriately handle Jaguar, Ocelot, and Mexican Wolf calls.

The Mexican Wolf SOP has a new flow chart based upon the type of report received. It was modeled after work we have been finalizing with the USFWS on jaguars and ocelots.

The Jaguar SOP is new based upon the need in the email chain described below and the resulting correspondence after.

Both the jaguar and ocelot SOPs only proceed to a point where other established protocols take effect (Jaguar and Ocelot Reporting Procedures). It has been established in those other procedures, with concurrence by the USFWS, who to contact and when (outside the world of a Radio Room Dispatcher).

If you agree with these new procedures, please let Radio Room know to replace their existing procedures with these versions. If you do not, please send me your comments and I will work with Tim and Chris to make corrections.

Thanks,

Jamey Driscoll
Birds and Mammals Program Manager

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From: Mike Rabe
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 12:57 PM
To: Gene Elms; Jim Paxon
Cc: Gary R. Hovatter; Larry Riley; Jon Cooley; James Driscoll
Subject: RE: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Gene,

The issue brought up below is that we have a jaguar web page with a number to call that is no longer in service. Jon and I discussed this briefly and having folks call the OGT line for jaguar (and ocelot) info seems reasonable because the line does not change and is always staffed. But there are a couple of questions we have:

1. Is it OK to have radio room be the main contact for this (seems like they already are)?
2. If radio takes the calls, should we have a set protocol created for radio room so they collect info consistently?
3. How do we advertize the number (or should we) so it doesn't just end up as the 'oddball' line where radio room gets deluged with calls of mysterious tabby cats and golden retrievers? Radio room probably doesn't need that.
- 4.

First order of business seems that we should remove/change the phone number given on our current jaguar page. Can we do that Jim?

http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/w_c/jaguar/jaguar_brochure.pdf

Mike
Mike Rabe
Nongame Branch Chief
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From: Jon Cooley
Sent: Monday, April 01, 2013 7:58 AM
To: Mike Rabe
Cc: Gary R. Hovatter; Larry Riley
Subject: RE: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Mike:
Call me when you get a minute and let's discuss ideas. X1100 or 928-242-3749 (cell).
Thanks,
JC

From: Gary R. Hovatter
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2013 12:53 PM
To: Mike Rabe; Jon Cooley
Cc: Larry Riley; Jim Paxon; Tom Cadden; Ty Gray; Raul Vega; Tim Snow; Rod Lucas; Randy Babb; Tyler VanVleet
Subject: FW: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Mike, Jon,

[REDACTED] intent (below) appears to be to note that IF we are serious about people being able to report jaguar sightings as part of our conservation efforts, it appears to be difficult to find a simple (telephone, e-mail), jaguar-specific way to do that. Clearly, people do contact us with such reports via OGT hotline or after having looked up the number of their local AZGFD office, but I take Mr. Janecek's point. Certainly, he is right about the contact number listed in the old "Wanted" brochure on our website at the URL he listed . . . I called it and the Arizona number is no longer in service.

It may be that we need to refurbish our jaguar reporting resources.

--Gary
Gary R. Hovatter
AZGFD

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 26, 2013 9:31 PM
To: Gary R. Hovatter
Subject: Jaguar Sightings In Arizona - Whom to Contact

Mr. Hovatter,
I shall repeat the hassel I went through to get in touch with someone interested in jaguar sightings in Arizona - if you want.

Believe me - it was and IS STILL a hassel.

This is the ONLY public document with telephone numbers;
one is inop.

http://www.azgfd.gov/pdfs/w_c/jaguar/jaguar_brochure.pdf

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It has no NAMES of individuals, no e-mail contact information.
If the contact person ("Jim" in Tucson - is on vacation for a week -
WITHOUT BACK-UP - the creatures will be back in Mexico before
Thank you.

[REDACTED]

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James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Wednesday, June 12, 2013 9:28 AM
To: Mike Rabe
Subject: Spotted Cat Sightings

Mike,

Tim alerted me to three different spotted cat sightings yesterday. All of which are unconfirmed at this point and likely to remain in that status. One ocelot in Tucson, one jaguar near Sierra Vista (Class II), and one black jaguar. The jaguar in Sierra Vista (at least that is where I thought Tim said) is the most probable, but still unconfirmed.

We just note these and put them in the database as unconfirmed. I will let you know when we need to take any action.

Thanks.

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CLASS I - Confirmed

Arizona Game and Fish Department Reported Jaguar/Ocelot/Jaguarundi Observation Form

Interviewer (Name / Job Title): T. Snow Interview Date 6/24/2013
 Observer (Name): [REDACTED] Phone (H. C. A. #): [REDACTED] (W. #): [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Occupation: [REDACTED]
 Relevant Biological/ Outdoor Experience: lion hunter Additional Observers: [REDACTED]
 Contact Info: [REDACTED]
 Original report date: 6/20/2013 Reported via Phone e-mail/letter in person
 Report received by: B. Aragon Agency: AGFD

Observation Details:

Date of Observation: Jan, Feb, Mar, 2013
 Location (state, county, legal, GPS coordinates or its Datum, etc.): AZ, Santa Cruz Co, Santa Rita Mtn [REDACTED]

Description of site (habitat, land use, etc.) including visibility (open hillside, brush, etc.): rocky drainage, oak juniper woodland, very open

Description of event/ observation: 4 trail camera photos

Time of day: night Duration (total time of observation): [REDACTED] Photo taken Yes No

Location of the sun to observer: overhead behind animal behind observer

Number of animals seen: 1 Distance from observer: [REDACTED] Optical aids used: [REDACTED]

Description of animal:

Body (color, size, markings, etc.): [REDACTED]

Tail (longer/shorter than body): [REDACTED] Head/Face: [REDACTED]

Legs/Fect.: [REDACTED] Other: [REDACTED]

Behavior of animal: [REDACTED]

Other sign(s) observed (tracks, scat, prey remains, etc.): [REDACTED]

Specific Questions for the Reporting Party:

Observer's first impression: [REDACTED]

Were notes taken during the observation or from memory?

Were References used in your decision? Field guide(s) Advice from friends/colleagues Images from Internet

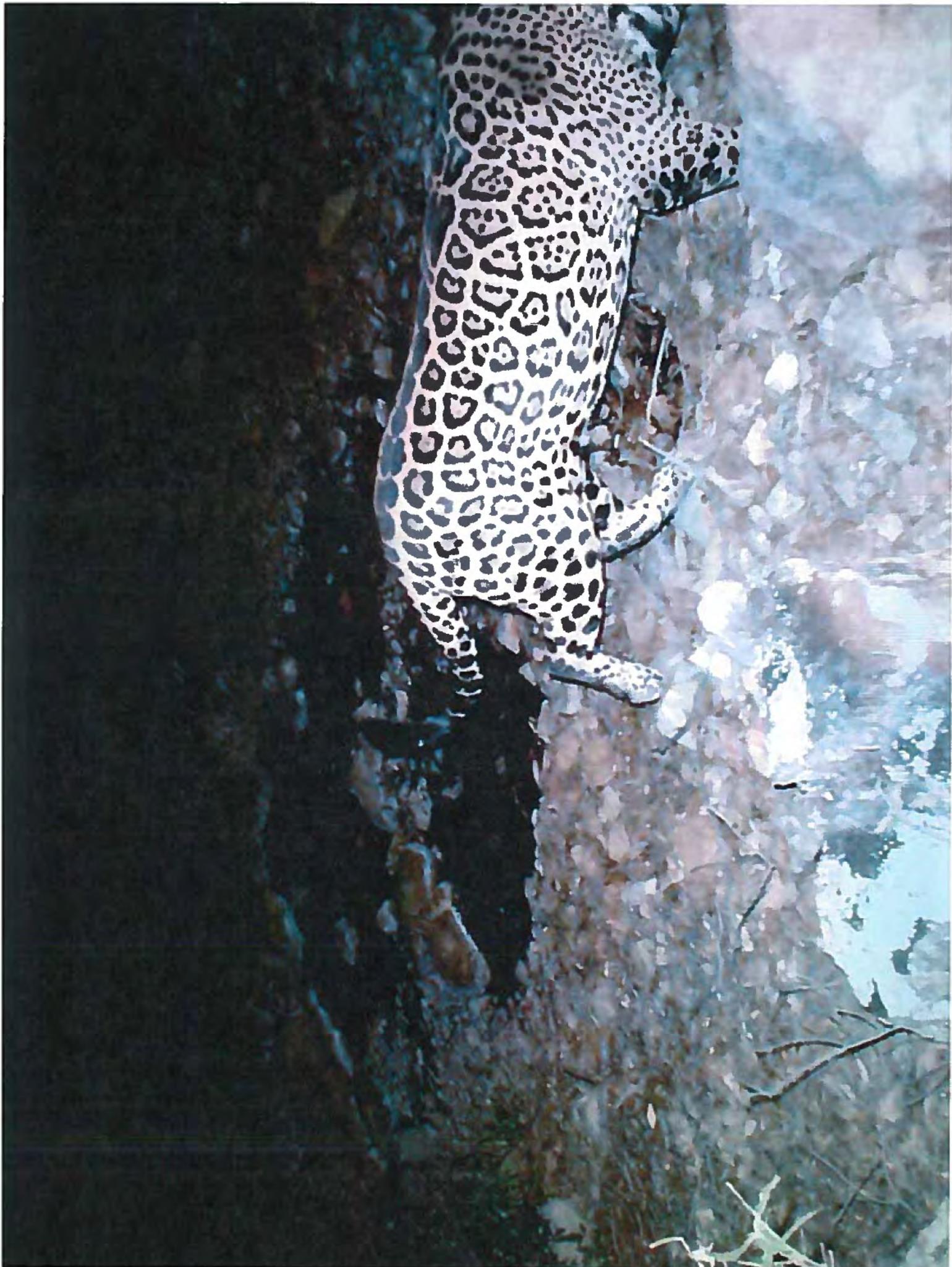
If used, how did this change or influence your decision? [REDACTED]

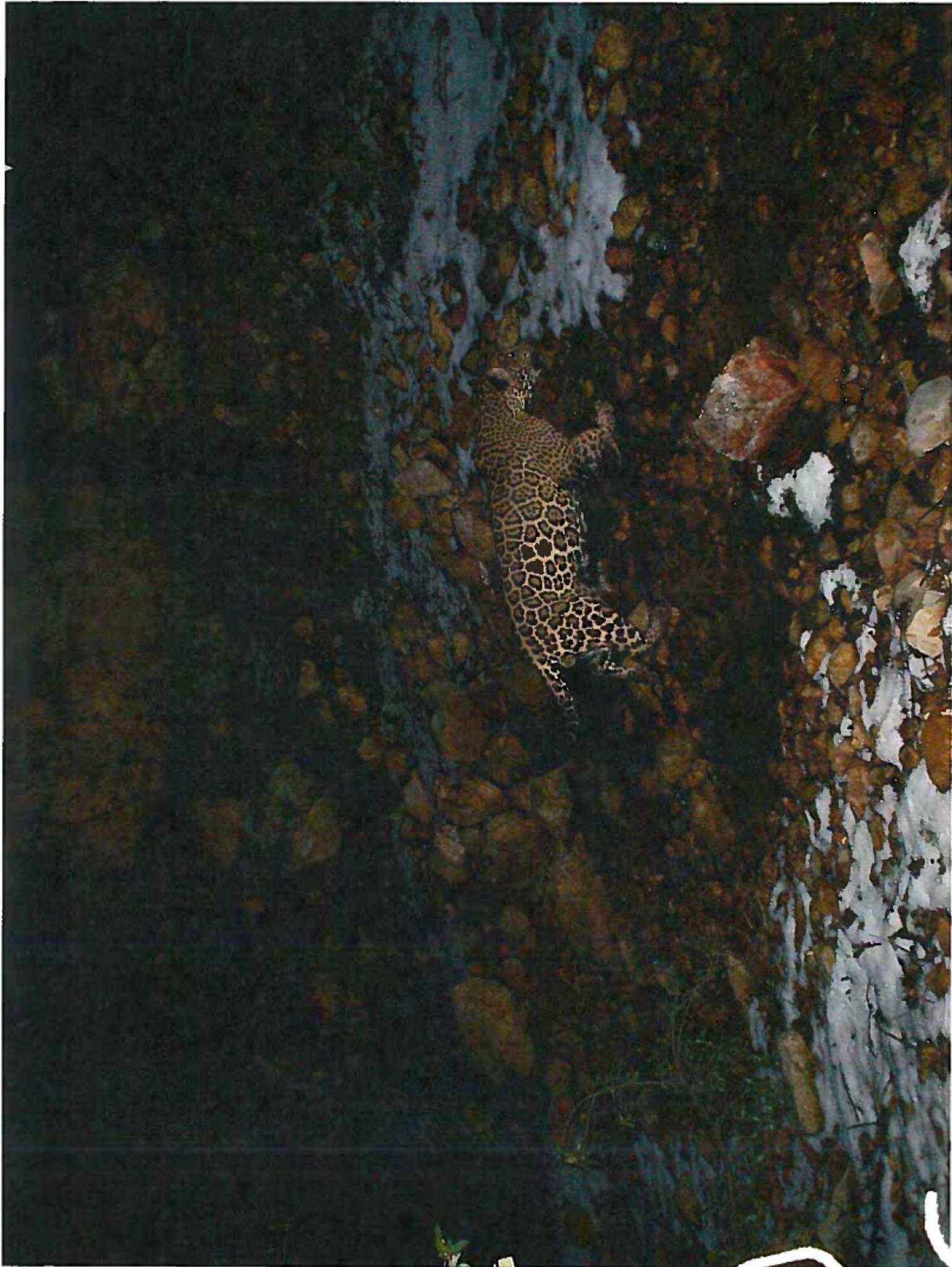
Describe how/why similar species were discounted: [REDACTED]

Actions/Follow-up: (for agency personnel only) no follow-up needed, RP reported to UA project

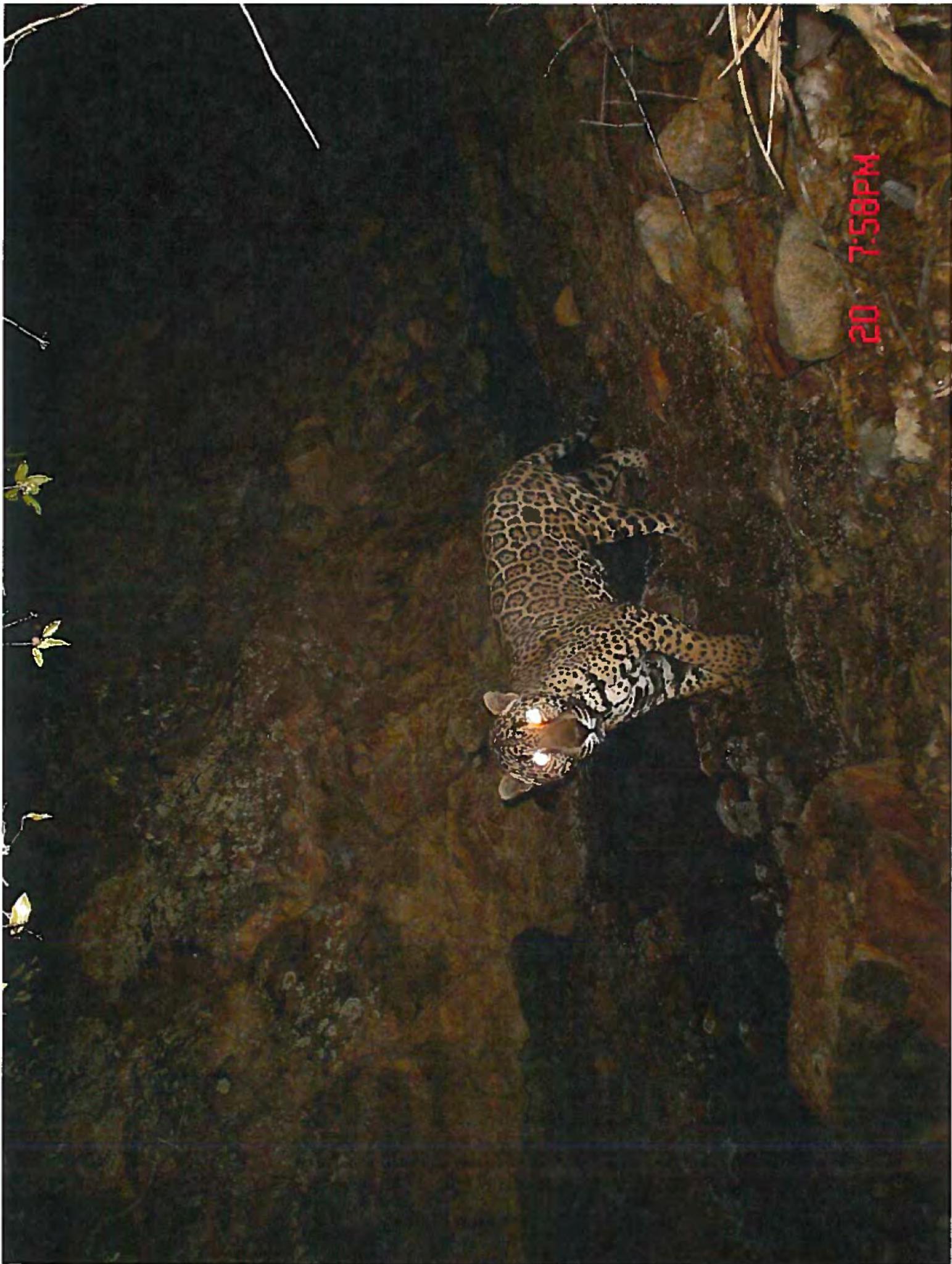
Reasons for acceptance/denial: Visual or physical evidence provided \ confirmed to be jaguar/ocelot/jaguarundi

Additional Notes: camera location near (100 yards) from known UA camera









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James Driscoll

From: Jim Paxon
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2013 11:16 AM
To: Mark A. Hart; Larry Riley
Cc: Raul Vega; James Driscoll; Lynda Lambert; Tom Cadden
Subject: RE: Jag pictures

Mark, Might hold any news release of these photos. We need to brief the Commission and Leadership Team if that is what you and Raul wish to do. Jamie also has a need to coordinate with Tim and U of A, etc. on identifying if this is a new animal or same as other recent photos.

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

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 12:05 PM
To: Larry Riley; Jim Paxon
Cc: Raul Vega
Subject: FW: Jag pictures

I think these are new, submitted by a sportsman, who is OK with release.

I would like to do so and credit him for it, if only as a "sportsman."

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

From: Brian Aragon
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:56 AM
To: Mark A. Hart; Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Jag pictures

Check these out

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 20, 2013 11:12 AM
To: Brian Aragon
Subject: Jag pictures

This was in January February and March on three different cameras . Jack Childs has already seen them and know where and dates . You can share them if you want . It's no secret.

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:33 PM
To: Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped

From: Brit Oleson [mailto:brit@email.arizona.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:28 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped

Hi Mark!

I don't know if you remember me or not, but you gave me a ride down to Las Cienegas last year when we translocated black-tailed prairie dogs from the Cieneguita colony into a new colony. Anyways, I sent a Facebook message to the Tucson AZGFD Facebook account but I wasn't sure how often that got checked (or by whom) so I figured I should send you a note as well.

One of the most recent jaguar photos just posted on the department website has been altered in Photoshop or some similar program. The photo with the jaguar looking straight at the camera is the one that has been altered. You can clearly see that the face just doesn't look right. Indeed the dark eye lines are broken, the snout does not line up, and the facial spot patterns do not match with the spot patterns on the head the jaguar that has been recently sighted in AZ. There are also several places on the face where you can detect the tell-tale signature of a photo-editing blending tool. After only a few minutes of browsing jaguar photos on the web, I was able to find the photo that was used to alter the trail camera photo; the individuals replaced the original eyes and forehead of the trail camera photo with the eyes and forehead of a jaguar from another internet image. The body is the same cat that we've all become familiar with, but for some reason the face of the cat in this image has been altered. I would venture to guess that the cat's eyes were either closed from the flash, or were glowing orbs from the flash, and that the owner of the image simply wanted a more spectacular shot. Either way, posting photos that have clearly been altered will discredit all of our legitimate research projects, and is unethical. I strongly urge AZGFD to contact the owner of the photo to find out why he edited the photo, and to get the original unedited version of the photo.

If you'd like, I can provide more details on the specific features of this image that prove it's altered, and I can show the image that was used to alter the trail camera image. Showing these features to someone in person would be easiest, but I can try to create a series of annotated photos if you'd find that more useful. Let me know.

Respectfully,

Brit

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Brittany Oleson
AZ Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit
School of Natural Resources & the Environment
325 Biological Sciences East

Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 12:02 PM
To: Larry Riley; James Driscoll; Mike Rabe; Jim Paxon; Raul Vega; Tom Cadden; Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped
Attachments: image (3).jpeg

Importance: High

Please call with questions about the message below. The photo was taken off our Facebook page upon receipt. The news media is inquiring as to its whereabouts and the circumstances surrounding it.

Thank you,

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E-mail: mhart@azgfd.gov

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 1:11 PM
To: 'Tony Davis'
Subject: RE: Jaguar photo

No, that is not the photo.

Is your deadline today?

Mark

From: Tony Davis [mailto:verdin@azstarnet.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10:35 AM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Fwd: Jaguar photo

Mark,

Is this the photo you think may have been altered? It was on the USFWS Flickr site that they sent us this week in response to a FOIA that I filed with them, seeking more jaguar camera photos.

Also, if this isn't the potentially altered photo, could you please send us a copy of that one? We may do a sidebar on it.

Thank you very much and sincerely,

Tony Davis
Reporter
Arizona Daily Star
520-349-0350 C
520-806-7746 O

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rick Wiley <rwiley@azstarnet.com>
Date: June 26, 2013 10:52 45 AM MST
To: Tony Davis <verdin@azstarnet.com>
Cc: Poli Corella <pcorella@azstarnet.com>
Subject: Jaguar photo

Attached is the only jaguar photo I downloaded yesterday from the USFWS photo site.

Rick Wiley
Director of Photography
Arizona Daily Star
Tucson, Ariz.
520.573.4155

www.azstarnet.com

Photo blog: azstarnet.com/photoblog

"There are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns the ones we know we don't know." Donald Rumsfeld, former Secretary of Defense

James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 4:05 PM
To: Mike Rabe
Subject: FW: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped
Attachments: image (3).jpeg

We need to talk with Raul, Tim, Mark, Jim and Ty. Ty explicitly told me to talk with Jim to ensure the press release was killed. I can only assume he will want to know why we posted the picture on our Facebook page.

Thanks

Jamey Driscoll
Birds and Mammals Program Manager
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Please excuse the typos. Sent from my iPhone and I have fat fingers.

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 12:02 PM US Mountain Standard Time
To: Larry Riley; James Driscoll; Mike Rabe; Jim Paxon; Raul Vega; Tom Cadden; Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped

Please call with questions about the message below. The photo was taken off our Facebook page upon receipt. The news media is inquiring as to its whereabouts and the circumstances surrounding it.

Thank you,

Mark A. Hart
Public information officer
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Tucson, AZ 85745
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From: Brit Oleson [mailto:brit@email.arizona.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2013 2:28 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Jaguar photo on Facebook photoshopped

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Respectfully,

Brit

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 4:15 PM
To: Raul Vega; Tim Snow
Subject: FW: Photoshopped jaguar information
Attachments: PhotoshoppedJaguar.pptx

This young lady has done us a real service here regardless of whether or not she is correct in her analysis.

See especially the last two slides in the Power Point.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2013 3:59 PM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Photoshopped jaguar information

Hi again Mark!

Sorry this took me so long to put together; tracing those little spots is a lot of work! I assembled a powerpoint that lays out my evidence. I used the "notes" section to include comments and the photos in the slides are marked with red to highlight the features I'm referencing in my notes. You won't be able to see my notes if you view the presentation in slideshow view, however you might want to use this feature to get a closer look at some of the image details.

Let me know if you need anything else!

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Here's the contact info, Brit. Photos to follow.

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:50 AM
To: Lynda Lambert
Subject: RE: Jaguar video story from azcentral.com

One more in the Star tomorrow

Sent with Good (www.good.com)

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

From: Lynda Lambert
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:37 AM US Mountain Standard Time
To: Larry Riley; Mike Rabe; James Driscoll; Tony Guiles; Jim Paxon; Tom Cadden; Jim Heffelfinger; Tim Snow; Mark A. Hart
Cc: Gary R. Hovatter
Subject: Jaguar video story from azcentral.com

FYI – There have been a lot of media outlets that have picked up the jaguar photo story. I just wanted to give you a heads-up that azcentral.com reprinted an AP story on the jaguar photos, but they also did this video story, which did not show up in my alerts.

<http://www.azcentral.com/video/2515688379001>

Regards,

Lynda Lambert

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 3:23 PM
To: 'Vincent Pinto'
Subject: RE: JAGUAR PHOTO TO DISPLAY AT THE RWWJ NATURE CENTER

I am in Prescott re: memorial for dead firefighters.

I assume you mean the new photo in the Star. One has enhanced eyes the other not. Want both?

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

From: Vincent Pinto [ravensnatureschool@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2013 12:42 PM US Mountain Standard Time
To: Mark A. Hart
Cc: claudia_campos
Subject: JAGUAR PHOTO TO DISPLAY AT THE RWWJ NATURE CENTER

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Claudia & Vincent
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Tim Snow

From: Fernandez, Erin <erin_fernandez@fws.gov>
Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2013 8:33 AM
To: Tim Snow
Cc: Marit Alanen
Subject: Fwd: Jaguar sighting

Hi Tim,
FYI... [REDACTED] sent the email below to Dr. Tuggle.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Fernandez, Erin <erin_fernandez@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 25, 2013 at 8:31 AM
Subject: Re: Jaguar sighting
To: rick@abcdocks.com
Cc: Marit Alanen <Marit_Alanen@fws.gov>

Dear [REDACTED]
Thank you very much for the information, we really appreciate it. I will make sure that our jaguar lead, Marit Alanen, gets the information.
Thank you again,
Erin

From: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jun 27, 2013 at 8:39 PM
Subject: Mexican Jaguar spotting
To: "RDTuggle@fws.gov" <RDTuggle@fws.gov>

Mr. Tuggle,

I have looked for email addresses to explain my spotting of a Mexican Jaguar over thirty years ago and yours was the first one I found. I could tell you within about a mile of its location in Arizona. I am writing this because of the new release that I had seen today on yahoo news of another spotting.

I was 22/23 years old working as a land surveyor on a mining project in central Arizona. This spotting was between the eastern part Lake Roosevelt, and Young, AZ east of the dirt highway heading to Young. It was in an area called **workman's creek**. This is a road going east up a canyon floor up towards **Aztec Peak**. I am guessing that it was about **8-10 mile east** of the highway and about 500' up from the valley bottom. There is a fairly large **Indian ruin** in the North side of the valley very close to the location. I only caught a glimpse of the cat before it took off up the mountain side. It was long enough for me to get a fair look at it. When I returned to Tucson I went to the University Library and researched to cat. This was the only cat I could come up with that matched what I had seen.

I have no idea if this will help the Fish and Wildlife Service or not. I hope it indicates the cat's coverage area back in those days. 1980-1981 time frame.

[REDACTED]

Corporate Office:

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 2:53 PM
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Subject: RE: New Santa Rita Mountains photo of same jaguar

Attachment, Tim?

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From: Haynes, Elizabeth A - (lynx) <lynx@email.arizona.edu>

Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2013 at 12:23 PM

Subject: 8.1.2013 photo

To: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>

James Driscoll

From: James Driscoll
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Sent: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 3:38 PM
To: James Driscoll
Cc: Mike Rabe
Subject: RE: New Santa Rita Mountains photo of same jaguar
Attachments: Jaguar 2013-8-1.jpg

Jamey – I just got the location description only, no coordinates. [REDACTED]

The photo was attached (here it is again). I do not believe the recent photo was on flicker or facebook yet. Timing is contingent upon when they check those cameras.

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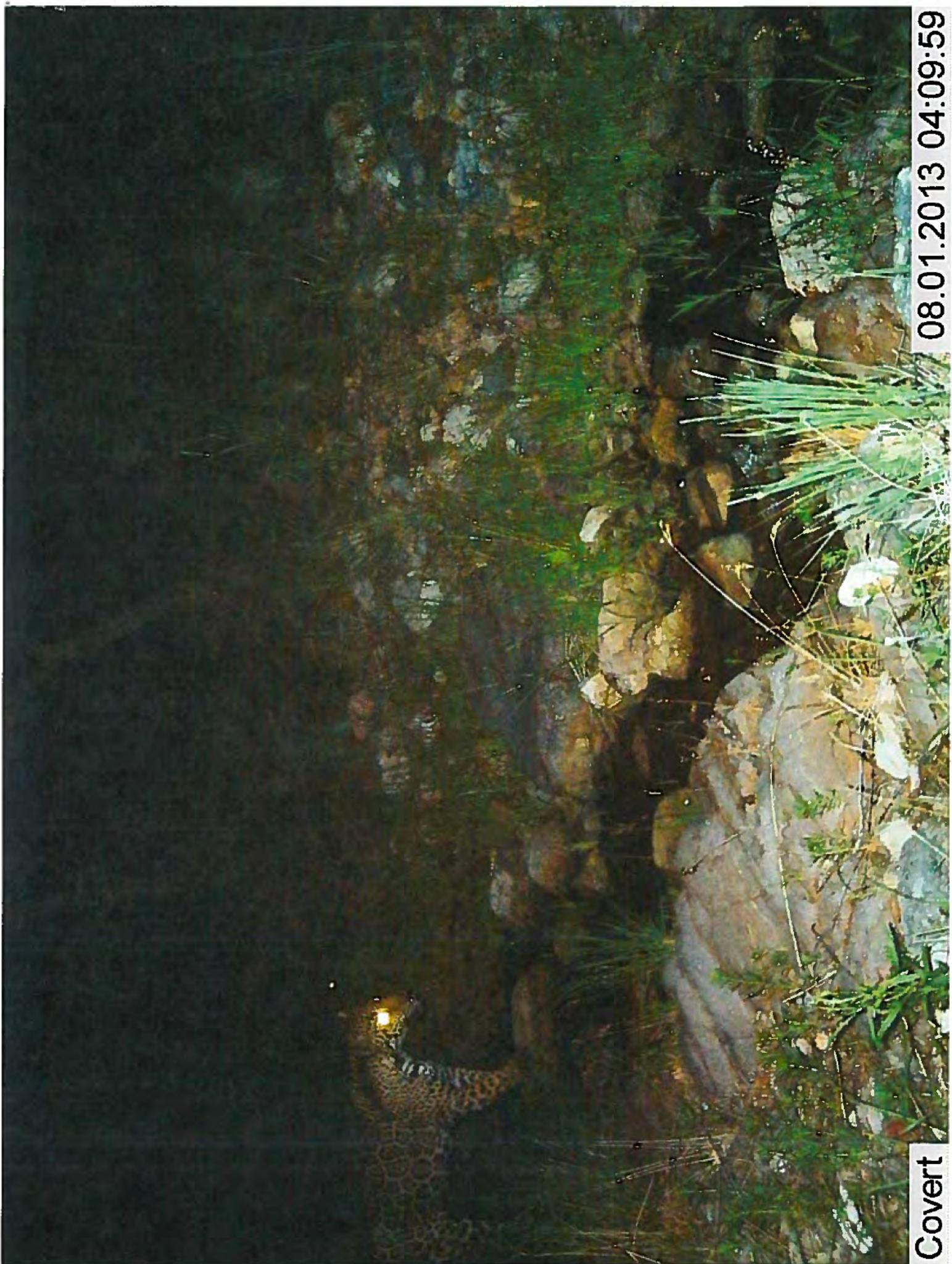
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To: Erin Fernandez; Scott Richardson; Jean Calhoun; Marit Alanen; Patricia Zenone; Mary Anderson; Rachel Williams; Jason Douglas; Steve Spangle; James Driscoll; JONES, DON; ALILIA MCNEAL; Jonathan Andrew; Mark A. Hart; Tim Snow; Larry Jones; Stamer, Marc -FS; Jeff Humphrey; Sarah Rinkevich

Subject: New Santa Rita Mountains photo of same jaguar

All,

attached is a new UA trail cam photo of the jaguar previously detected in the Santa Rita Mountains. The jaguar was photographed Aug 1, 2013. This location is about [REDACTED] from a previous UA detection. UA recently placed additional cameras in the Santa Rita Mountains and this photo was taken at one of these newer locations.

The UA jaguar and ocelot photos are posted with full captions on our Flickr (high resolution) and Facebook sites at the addresses/links provided below. As new pics become available, we'll continue to update the sites.

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From: Haynes, Elizabeth A - (lynx) <lynx@email.arizona.edu>

Date: Tue, Aug 27, 2013 at 12:23 PM

Subject: 8.1.2013 photo

To: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>

Tim Snow

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Wednesday, August 28, 2013 1:08 PM
To: James Driscoll
Subject: FW: Six new UA jaguar photos
Attachments: Jaguar 2013-5-29-diff location.JPG; Jaguar 2013-5-29n.JPG; Jaguar 2013-5-29s.JPG; Jaguar 2013-5-31-diff location.JPG; Jaguar 2013-5-31n.JPG; Jaguar 2013-5-31s.JPG

I found the photos. Here you go.

-- Tim

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Sent: Thursday, July 18, 2013 6:25 PM
To: Jeff Humphrey; Erin Fernandez; Scott Richardson; Jean Calhoun; Marit Alanen; Patricia Zenone; Mary Anderson; Rachel Williams; Jason Douglas; Steve Spangle; James Driscoll; JONES, DON; ALILIA MCNEAL; Jonathan Andrew; Mark A. Hart; Tim Snow; Larry Jones; Stamer, Marc -FS
Subject: Six new UA jaguar photos

All,
attached are 6 UA trail camera photos from the Santa Rita Mountains from three general locations. This jaguar was previously detected at these locations.

Three photos were taken on May 29 at two locations and three were taken on May 31 at two locations.

Both sides of the jaguar were taken by the same paired cameras on May 29 and May 31 (jaguar 2013-5-29n, jaguar 2013-5-29s; jaguar 2013-5-31n, jaguar 2013-5-31s).

The remaining two photos were taken at two different locations (2013-5-29- diff location, 2013-5-31-diff location).

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From: **Haynes, Elizabeth A - (lynx)** <lynx@email.arizona.edu>

Date: Thu, Jul 18, 2013 at 5:33 PM

Subject: more photos

To: Susan Sferra <Susan_Sferra@fws.gov>

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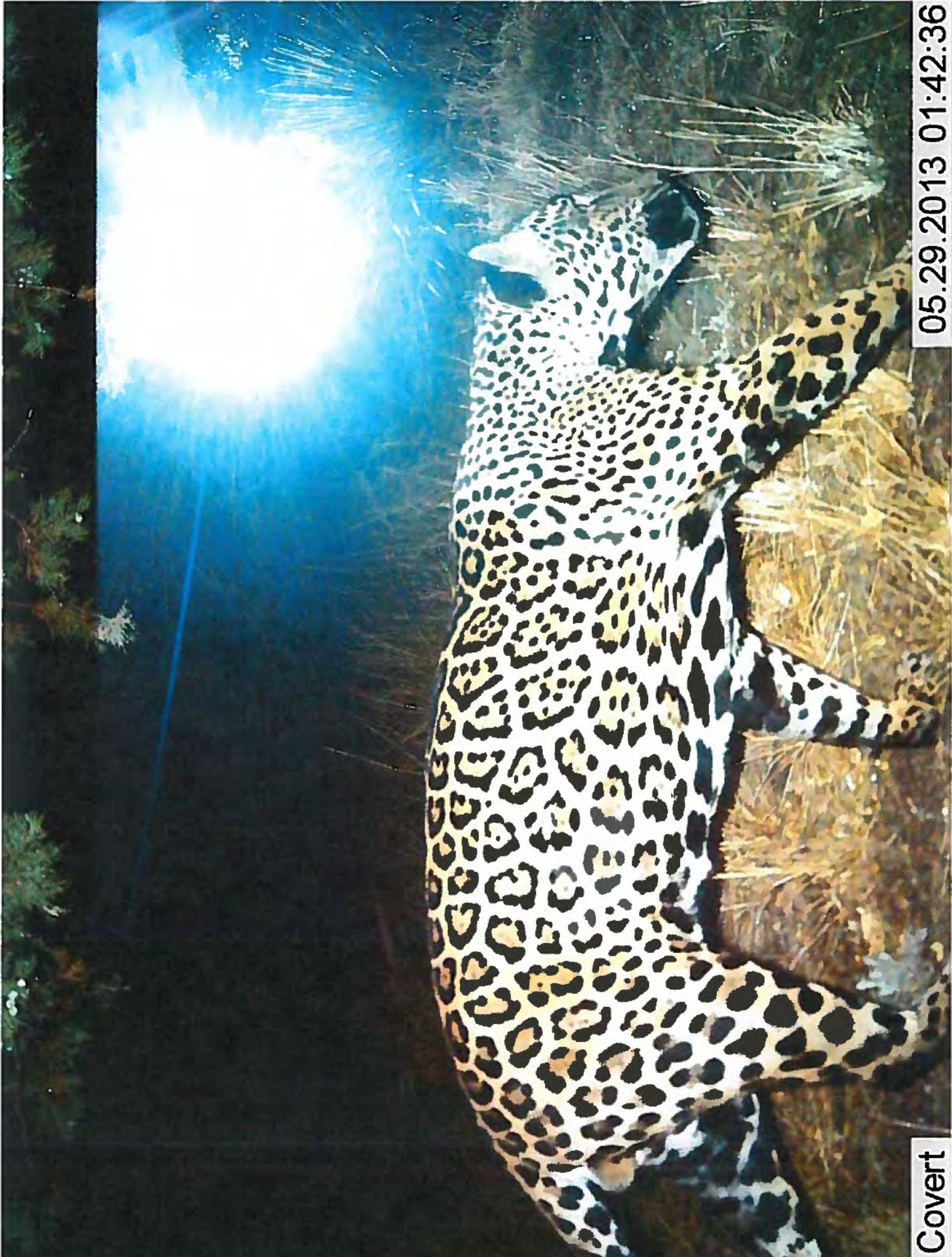
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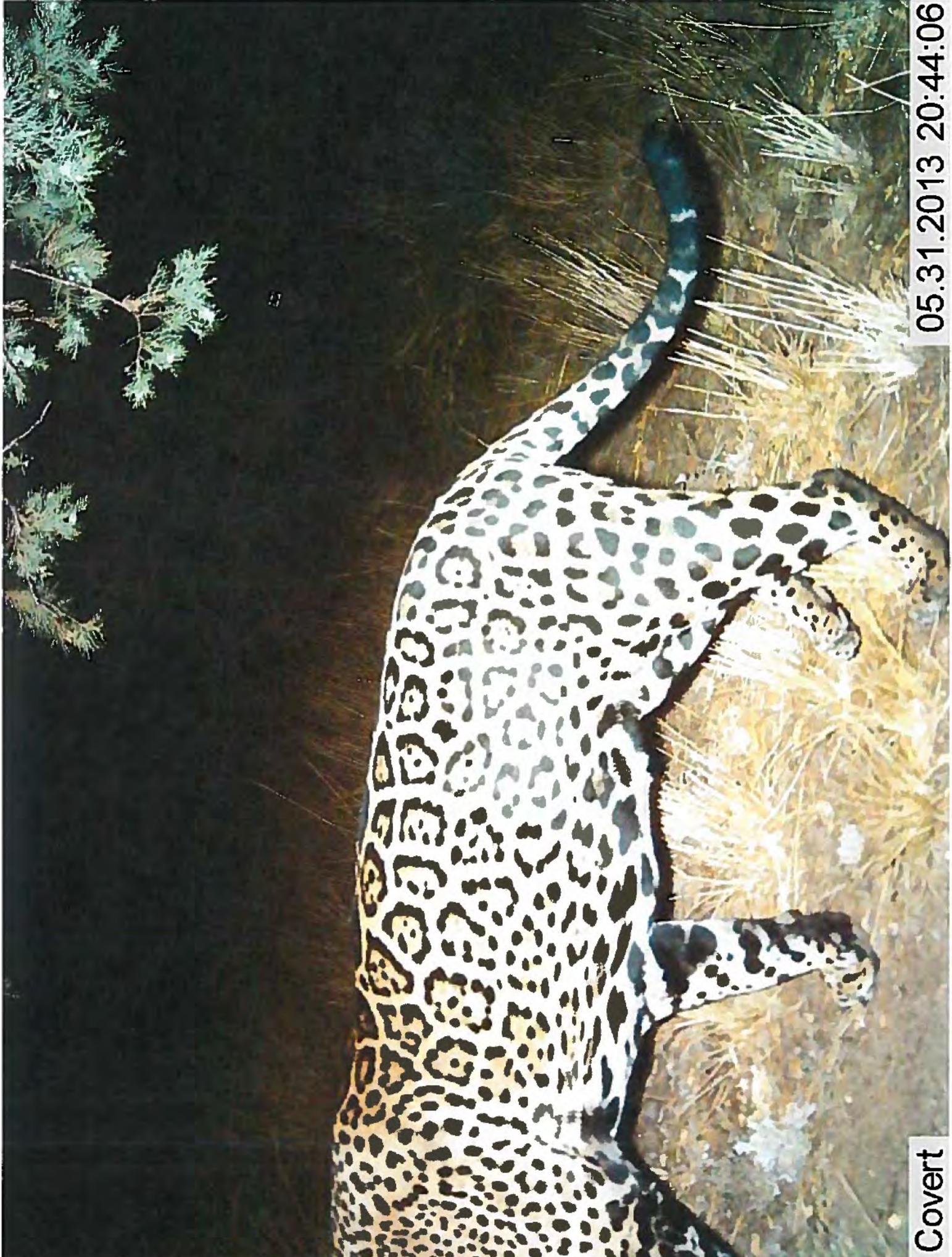
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