December 21, 2016

Mr. Tony Davis
Arizona Daily Star
4850 South Park Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85714
verdin@azstarnet.com

Re: Public Records Request for Jaguars in the Huachuca Mountains and Fort Huachuca.

Dear Mr. Davis:

Pursuant to your request December 9, 2016 regarding "pertaining to the recent discovery of a jaguar in the Huachuca Mountains on Fort Huachuca. I'm seeking all such records in the department's possession since Game and Fish was told of that jaguar's presence in the Huachucas and on the fort," the Department has fulfilled this request by submitting the enclosed pertinent records.

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
FW: Jaguar Pictures

Brad Fulk
Sat 12/10/2016 6:54 AM
Inbox
To: Brad Fulk (bradfulk@msn.com) <bradfulk@msn.com>

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image001.png; image002.jpg; 441.jpg; 453.jpg; 2131.jpg;

From: Brittany Oleson
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 1:04 PM
To: Tim Snow
Cc: Brad Fulk
Subject: FW: Jaguar Pictures

Hi Tim,
Wanted to make sure you were in the loop on this since you maintain the database. Is it possible for you to match them up to our MIA "El Jefe?"

Brit

From:
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Brad Fulk; Brittany Oleson
Subject: Jaguar Pictures

Attached are some photos of a Jaguar that we captured on a trail camera. These are all within the last 12 hours in the Huachuca's approximately 12 miles from the line. The photos are not releasable to the public, however we have no issue if they go to those that are involved in your Jaguar program. If locations are requested, let me know.

The photos (locations) have been sanitized for operational security of the camera location.
FW: Jaguar Pictures

Brad Fulk

Today, 6:40 AM
You

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Thanks.
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From: Brad Fulk
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 12:55 PM
To: Raul Vega; Mark A. Hart
Cc: Brittany Oleson
Subject: FW: Jaguar Pictures

FVI for internal use at this time only. Standby [redacted] contact information to approve the use of photos for other intentions.

Brad

From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 12:44 PM
To: Brad Fulk; Brittany Oleson
Subject: Jaguar Pictures

Attached are some photos of a Jaguar that we captured on a trail camera. These are all within the last 12 hours in the Huachuca's approximately 3 miles from the line. The photos are not releasable to the public, however we have no issue if they go to those that are involved in your Jaguar program. If locations are requested, let me know.

The photos (locations) have been sanitized for [redacted] security of the camera location.
FW: Jaguar Pictures

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Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 12:55 PM
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Cc: Brittany Oleson
Subject: FW: Jaguar Pictures

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Please note the ‘internal use only” caution below, and please let me know what you think of these.

Mark

From: Brad Fulk
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 12:56 PM
To: Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Brittany Oleson <boleson@azgfd.gov>
Subject: FW: Jaguar Pictures

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Brad

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Thanks.
Subject: FW: Edited Jay Pictures
CC: Raul Vegas
To: James Discolli
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2016, 5:05 AM
From: Brad Fulk

Thank you,

Getting those.

I sent them up the chain and do not think there were any previous news releases with the original pics that were sent. If you know if there were any prior issue before.

Brad Fulk
Please see the message below re: photo releases.

Thanks.

Brad

From: Brad Fulk
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2016 6:28 PM
To: Mark A. Hart; Raul Vega
Subject: Fwd: Edited jag pictures

Mark/Raul,

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Brad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Brad Fulk <Bjulk@azgfd.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 2, 2016 5:20 PM
To: Mark A. Hart; Raul Vega
Subject: Edited jag pictures

Mark/Raul,

Please see the message below.

Thanks.
Thanks,

Please see the message below re: photo releases.

James,

Subject: FW: Edited Jag Pictures
CC: Raul Vega
To: James Discolla
Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2016 5:05 AM

FROM: Brad Fulk

FW: Edited Jag Pictures

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Today, 6:22 AM
Brad Fulk
Sorry was out deer hunting all last week. This is definitely a jaguar. We have 5 photos from you (file names: 441.jpeg, 453.jpeg, 2131.jpeg, p_000710.jpeg, and p_004985.jpeg). I believe this is a new individual, but I am trying to compare with previous photos. If you have any additional photos from those cameras that I can compare, please forward those to me. I will let you know what I can figure out.

Thanks a bunch,

Tim

Tim K. Snow
Region V Terrestrial Wildlife Specialist
555 N. Greasewood Road
Tucson, AZ 85745
(520) 388-4449

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Here is one more.

Sir,

I attached another picture that was taken this morning. Not sure if it is Ocelot #4 or something else. The location is roughly the previous confirmed photos. Thank you for your assessment and please let me know if I can help.
Thank you,

[redacted]

From: Tim Snow [mailto:TSnow@azgfd.gov]  
Sent: Friday, November 04, 2016 10:43 AM  
To: [redacted]  
Subject: ocelot

I look forward to seeing the pictures. As I mentioned on the phone, there has currently been 1 individual that we are following (Ocelot #4). He has a boot-shaped rosette on his right side and a large chain of rosettes with a heart-shaped rosette on his left side. After I receive your pictures, I should be able to determine if this the same individual. Also, Ocelot 4 was first photographed in 2012 and the most recent photo was October 10, 2016.

Thanks a bunch,

Tim

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Please excuse the typos. Sent from my iPhone and I have fat fingers.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Tim Snow" <TSnow@azgfd.gov>
To: "James Driscoll" <jDriscoll@azgfd.gov>
Subject: What do you think?

We’ll talk soon.

-- Tim

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Can you compare some of your files for this guy?

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OK Jamey, here is my assessment.

Although the photo of the animal from the Huachucas (12/1/2016) is overexposed, and the spots within most of the rosettes are washed out, it is still quite easy to compare the spot patterns and rosette shapes over much of the animal.

I prepared a powerpoint presentation comparing a few photos of the well-known Santa Rita animal with the one from the Huachucas (attached), using landmarks from different parts of the body. First, there is no “Christmas tree” rosette on the Huachuca animal, and that alone should distinguish between the two. However, I also looked at the spot patterns on the lower left leg, the left rump and just below the midline above the tail.

None of the patterns match and the animals are definitively different.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Tom
3 rosettes in a row, 2 almost solid

large circular rosette

9/11/2013

5-parted rosettes

3 rosettes arranged vertically

3-parted rosette

12/01/2016

no rosettes arranged vertically
3/22/2014

2 definite rows of spots below midline are roughly parallel to one another

midline

12/01/2016

There is no equivalent in this photo. The midline is barely visible, but the spots below are. There is one discernable top row, but below that the spots are not aligned.
spot pattern on lower leg above pad does not match.
2 distinct spots in a triangle in photo on left (Santa Ritas)
nothing similar in photo on right (Huachucas)
Awesome Debbie. This is much clearer and easier to see that this guy is a different/new individual. First detection was 11/29 to the south, then your photo, and then back to the south.

I will give you a call, most likely tomorrow.

Per our protocols, USFWS, USFS, and Wildlife Services have all received notification of this animal in the area.

Thanks again,

Tim

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Raul Vega; Tim Snow
Cc: Urgent: Permission to use photo

Importance: High

Angela), please contact me ASAP re: jaguar photo taken recently by a base trail camera.

Mark A. Hart
Public Information Officer
Arizona Game and Fish Department
555 N. Greasewood Road
Tucson, AZ 85745
Office: (520) 388-4445
Cell: (520) 282-0978

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WWW.AZGFD.GOV
From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:02 PM
To: Bill Andres
Subject: RE: Can you call the fort? 😊

Have calls and email in for, thanks.

Mark

-----Original Message-----
From: Bill Andres
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 3:51 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Can you call the fort? 😊

to get permission to use photo?

Sent from my iPhone
I'm sorry to hear that you are ill, but could you possibly call me ASAP re: an important endangered species issue here?

Thank you,

Mark A. Hart
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I just wanted to give you heads up on things. You may or may not be aware that the cat was photographed on the Fort north of your photos. The photo was leaked to outside sources (social media). As a result, we (Arizona Game and Fish) and the USFWS are going to put out a press release indicating that we have obtained photos and are aware of this new individual, male animal. We will only disclose the location as the Huachuca Mtns. And, the source of the photos is not shared. We will not be identifying any information regarding the photos that you have shared or use any of your photos in the press release.

Again, I hope this does not impact any of your operations, but I wanted to give you the heads up.

-- Tim

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FW: Edited Jag pictures

Brad Fulk

Sat 12/10/2016 6:08 AM
Inbox
To: Brad Fulk (bradfulk@msn.com) <bradfulk@msn.com>

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Image.png;

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 4:53 PM
To: Brad Fulk
Subject: RE: Edited Jag pictures

You probably already have this one since apparently it is making the social media sites, but attached is one from Fort Huachuca game camera.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 2:36 PM
To: Brad Fulk <BFulk@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Edited Jag pictures

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Thanks
FW: Edited Jag pictures

Brad Fulk
Today, 6:08 AM
You

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Attached.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:52 PM
To: Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>; James Driscoll <JDriscoll@azgfd.gov>; Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>; Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Fort says yes

We can use their photo. Can someone get me a copy so it can be included with the news release?

Bill Andres
Information Branch Chief
Arizona Game and Fish Department
5000 West Carefree Highway
Phoenix, Arizona 85086
623-236-7223

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-----Original Message-----
From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:25 PM
To: Bill Andres <BAndres@azgfd.gov>
Subject: RE: Can you call the fort?

Permission granted.

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From: Bill Andres
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 3:51 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
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to get permission to use photo?

Sent from my iPhone
Have more info on how photo got out that may be relevant to you, others, but am trying not to use email.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Dec 6, 2016, at 4:54 PM, Bill Andres <BAndres@azgfd.gov> wrote:
> 
> You da man, Mark.
> Thank you.
> 
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Sent from my iPhone
Mark A. Hart

From:               Mark A. Hart
Sent:              Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5:23 PM
To:                Bill Andres
Subject:         FW: SE Arizona cat news release

Changed as suggested by Tim Snow, if possible.

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“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 Game and Fish Wildlife Management Division. “To make that call without examining the evidence would be jumping the gun, and we suggest no one make that claim until the evidence is thoroughly vetted.”

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Thanks, Mark. Folks here didn’t want to give those dates.

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I’ll stay put here as long as you think I’m needed. Ft. Huachuca has asked to review the news release before it goes out.

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FYI

From: Bill Andres
Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5:29 PM
To: 'Beth Britt' <beth_brlett@fws.gov>
Cc: RDTruggle@fws.gov; Mike_Martinez@fws.gov; Chris_tincher@fws.gov; Jim deVos <jdeVos@azgfd.gov>; Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>; Tim Snow <TSnow@azgfd.gov>; James Driscoll <JDriscoll@azgfd.gov>; Tom Finley <TFinley@azgfd.gov>; Marianne Cox <MCox@azgfd.gov>; Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>; Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>; Dale Hajek <dhajek@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: RE: SE Arizona cat news release
Importance: High

Thank you for your speedy reply, Beth:

In the interest of timeliness, we have drafted a version of the release (Embedded and attached) that includes USFWS, for your review. We’ve also attached the photo taken by Fort Huachuca, which would accompany the release. If you can review it and let us know your thoughts by 8 am tomorrow, we will get his out to the media. If you prefer, we can both release it from our respective organizations, as long as we coordinate timing.

Two changes from the last draft to this: [fort huachuca] do not want to be identified as the providers of the photos. Those references have been removed.

Tomorrow morning, one of our best PIOs, Dale Hajek will be available to get this out. Dale is copied on this email, and we ask that you communicate with him to make sure we have your take on the release. You can reach Dale by email (DHajek@azgfd.gov) and by phone at 623-236-7215. Please call him in the morning to keep everything on track. Thanks in advance for your help in getting this buttoned down and out!

Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

Thanks,

Bar

The Arizona Game and Fish Department and the US Fish and Wildlife Service recently received photos of a jaguar in southeastern Arizona. The cat’s image appeared in trail camera photographs taken in the Huachuca Mountains.

According to (NAME) (title) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, “Preliminary indications are that the cat is a male jaguar, and that it is an individual that has not been previously seen in Arizona. But there are steps that must be taken to verify the identity of the animal.”
Disregard. Can't send you an extensive email from Ft. Huachuca. Will do so when I get in.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 7, 2016, at 6:59 AM, Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov> wrote:

Raul & Brad, see the below, all the more reason to get me listed as an alternate contact in that news release
Thanks
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jim deVos <JdeVos@azgfd.gov>
Date: December 7, 2016 at 6:26:59 AM MST
To: Bill Andres <BAndres@azgfd.gov>, 'Beth Britt' <beth_britt@fws.gov>
Cc: "RDTuggle@fws.gov" <RDTuggle@fws.gov>, "Mike_Martinez@fws.gov" <Mike_Martinez@fws.gov>, "Chris_tinchere@fws.gov" <Chris_tinchere@fws.gov>, Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>, Tim Snow <TSnow@azgfd.gov>, James Driscoll <JDriscoll@azgfd.gov>, Tom Finley <TFinley@azgfd.gov>, Marianne Cox <MCox@azgfd.gov>, Tony Guiles <AGuiles@azgfd.gov>, Ty Gray <TGray@azgfd.gov>, Dale Hajek <dhajek@azgfd.gov>, "Mark A. Hart" <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: RE: SE Arizona cat news release

Good morning, this is fine for a preliminary release. Jim

| From: Bill Andres |
| Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 5:29 PM |
| To: 'Beth Britt'
| Cc: RDTuggle@fws.gov; Mike_Martinez@fws.gov; Chris_tinchere@fws.gov; Jim deVos; Raul Vega; Tim Snow; James Driscoll; Tom Finley; Marianne Cox; Tony Guiles; Ty Gray; Dale Hajek; Mark A. Hart |
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According to (NAME) (title) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, “Preliminary indications are that the cat is a male jaguar, and that it is an individual that has not been previously seen in Arizona. But there are steps that must be taken to verify the identity of the animal.”

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AZGFD and USFWS are currently validating this sighting with outside experts and will notify the public when the final determination is made.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 06, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Camara, Angela L CIV USAR Y IMCOM CENTRAL (US)
Cc: Raul Vega <Rvega@azgfd.gov>; Tim Snow <Tsnow@azgfd.gov>
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Urgent: Permission to use photo
Importance: High

Angela, please contact me ASAP re: jaguar photo taken recently by a base trail camera.

Mark A. Hart

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CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED
We need to maintain the safety of the jaguar and the public while minimizing the potential for illegal take events. Under the Endangered Species Act, illegal take has been broadly defined to include "harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect." The maximum penalty for Endangered Species Act violators is a year in jail and a $100,000 fine.

In addition, we need to maintain the integrity of ongoing research of wildlife on Ft. Huachuca generally, and of jaguars specifically.

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Subject: RE: Urgent: Permission to use photo (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Mark,
You have Fort Huachuca's permission to use the jaguar photo as long as no photo meta data identifies the coordinates and the language in the news release does not specifically identify the location. We are requesting a quick review of the release before you hit send to the media, and I'd like to discuss the inevitable response to queries. Please call as soon as you have a moment.

Thanks.

Angie

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GAME ON!

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Our job is to ensure public safety, prevent illegal take incidents ranging from harassment to poaching, and protect the integrity of ongoing wildlife research at Ft. Huachuca.

The jaguar is an apex predator. A large mountain lion in this region weighs 120 pounds. The jaguar sighted in the Huachucas weighs between 150-200 pounds. So we don’t want people risking their lives going into the Huachucas looking for it.

Meantime, more activity is in the Huachucas threatens to comprise ongoing wildlife research in the range. The presence of more people there not only potentially disrupts the natural movement of the jaguar, but the natural movement of other wildlife species as well.

Nonetheless, research shows jaguars in southeastern Arizona are capable of ranging 500 square miles. So there is a high likelihood that the jaguar is no longer on Ft. Huachuca property.

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Right — Santa Rita's Jaguar distinct "Christmas Tree" rosette discernible in most pictures of this animal from its left side. Left hind leg distinctive oval shaped patterns.

Left — Fort Huachuca Jaguar absent the "Christmas Tree" rosette. Left hind leg irregular shaped patterns.
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Multiple areas of rosettes with dark spots within the rosettes. Distinct dark spots on left hip.

Absent multiple areas with dark spots within the rosettes. Distinct dark spots absent on left hip.
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For immediate release, Dec. 7, 2016
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Mark

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Subject: RE: [Non-DoD Source] FW: News Release: Jaguar photograph taken by Fort Huachuca trail camera (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Thank you.

Angie ...

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Mark

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To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>  
Subject: RE: News Release: Jaguar photograph taken by Fort Huachuca trail camera

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Thanks.

Dale

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From: Mark A. Hart  
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From: Dale Hajek  
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Let me know how I can help. And don't forget that Mexican food lunch we're gonna once the smoke clears. Looking forward.

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From: Davis, Tony [mailto:TDavis@tucson.com]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 10:34 AM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Jaguar at Ft Huachuca

Mark,

I just saw a Facebook post from the Cochise Boy Scouts of what it said was and what looked like a jaguar on Fort Huachuca. Appears to have been taken recently. Can you please give us some info about this, presuming you're aware of it?

Thank you very much,

Tony Davis
AZ Star
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Get Outlook for iOS
I spoke to AP before I saw this, and the fort has granted permission for use.

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From: Gray, Lesli [mailto:lesli_gray@fws.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 12:26 PM
To: Dale Hajek <dhajek@azgfd.gov>; Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Cc: Jeff Humphrey <Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov>
Subject: jaguar photo

Hi Dale and Mark, I received a call from the AP asking how they get permission to use the photo on the news release. Do they need to contact someone at the Fort? Lesli

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Perfect, they can also call 623-236-7201 24-7. That is AZGFD's dispatch center.

PS: Still a media buzz about the Boy Scout post, and an inquiry from the Center for Biological Diversity.

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From: Camara, Angela L CIV USARMSY IMCOM CENTRAL (US)
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 12:24 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: PAG and draft message from our commander (UNCLASSIFIED)

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Mark,
Attached is the public affairs guidance I drafted for our command team. Below is the message I drafted for our senior commander to send to Fort personnel regarding the sighting.

_____
Team Huachuca,
We're currently working very closely with Arizona Game & Fish Department and the U.S. Forest Service after one of our Fort Huachuca trail cameras captured a photo of a jaguar in the Huachuca Mountains. While we're excited about this being the first recorded jaguar sighting on Fort Huachuca, our primary and immediate focus is to ensure our public safety and prevent a violation of the Endangered Species Act, while protecting the integrity of ongoing wildlife research at Fort Huachuca. I'm asking for everyone's cooperation in helping me protect this great animal by not seeking to locate it. Research shows that jaguars in southeastern Arizona are capable of traveling 500 square miles, so there is a high likelihood the jaguar is no longer on Fort Huachuca property. If you receive any public or media queries regarding the jaguar sighting, I'd ask that you put them in contact with our Public Affairs Officer, Angela Camara, at 520.533.1850 or 520.220.0930. Thank you!

_____
I'm awaiting feedback on the statement. Once it is approved, I will likely post this statement and the link to your news release to our Facebook page as a formal acknowledgement of the information you've sent out. (I won't include the 1st line about the media queries, as that is primarily meant for our internal audience.) Thoughts?

Angie

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Tim Snow

From: Tim Snow
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 11:59 AM
To: James Driscoll
Subject: RE: Comparative Analysis
Attachments: Comparison.pptx

Jamey – I have made comparisons of the recent photos with past file photos. All indications are that this is a different individual, male jaguar.

In addition to comparing the Santa Rita jaguar with the Huachuca cat, I have also looked at photos from the El Arribabi Conservation Ranch in northern Mexico. I did not find a photo on their website (http://elarribabi.com/) indicating the same individual.

Let me know if you have any questions.

-- Tim

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Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 1:14 PM
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Subject: Please send permission to use photo to:

agalvan@ap.org

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Last credible sighting of a female jaguar, 1949 or 1963? And do we have a citation? Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Davis, Tony" <TDavis@tucson.com>
Date: December 7, 2016 at 4:26:59 PM MST
To: "Mark A. Hart" <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Fw: AZGF citation that confirms 1963 jaguar was native

Mark,

Michael Robinson of CBD cited a 2010 Brown/Thompson article that concludes the 1963 killing was of a naturally occurring female jaguar. The link to that citation—which he believes backs up his view—is in the comments he wrote several years ago on an FWS recovery outline for the jaguar.

Sincerely,

Tony Davis

AZ Star

From: Michael Robinson <michaelr@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:34 PM
To: Davis, Tony; 'Tony Davis'; Davis, Tony
Subject: AZGF citation that confirms 1963 jaguar was native

Tony, I meant to write that “that PDF” -- not “that footnote” -- came to the conclusion that I quoted below.
Hi Tony,

Please see our comments on the Recovery Outline for the Jaguar, pp. 41-44 of the PDF pagination, and click on footnote 118 which will take you to the PDF that we got from AZGF in response to our open-records request. That footnote, intended to bolster AZGF’s bizarre allegation that the 1963 female had been imported from Guatemala, instead concluded that “Circumstances and subsequent investigations demonstrated that all of the jaguars taken in Arizona after 1959 were natural occurrences rather than translocations or escapees.”

Michael

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Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 8:54 AM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: RE: AZGF citation that confirms 1963 jaguar was native

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Sent from my iPhone

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Date: December 7, 2016 at 4:26:59 PM MST
To: "Mark A. Hart" <MHart@azgfd.gov>
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AZ Star

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Cc: Last credible sighting of a female jaguar in Arizona

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Don't know what to make of this response from Dave Brown but this issue will resurface.

Thanks, Mark

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 12:03 PM
To: ‘Packwood, Hayden’
Subject: RE: Jaguar photo inquiry

Can I give you a call, that’s a lot of ground to cover?

Mark

From: Packwood, Hayden [mailto:hpackwood@12NEWS.COM]
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 11:44 AM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Jaguar photo inquiry

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Cindy, can you give me a call about this?

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From: Cindy Coping
Sent: Monday, February 29, 2016 2:45 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <Mhart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: 1963 female jaguar

Dear Mark,
I just thought I'd give you a heads up that your comment here https://news.azpm.org/p/state-and-local/2016/2/26/82874-jaguar-video-reinvigorates-debate-about-land-use-in-santa-rita-mountains/ about the 1963 female jaguar has raised eyebrows among those of us who suspect, based on very strong documented evidence including criminal court records, AGFD internal documents and world-class expert opinion, that she had been transported in a cage and released into the White Mountains some time prior to her accidental discovery on a legitimate hunt by Terry Penrod. This evidence is documented here --

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Therefore I wonder why you would imply to a news reporter that the Penrod jaguar's mysterious appearance (which was in an unlikely location at over 9,500 feet altitude in unlikely spruce-fir habitat and hundreds of miles from the nearest known jaguar population), was the result of natural processes. Perhaps you are confused by the AGFD's 2011 Jaguar Conservation Assessment. Despite some confusing errors therein, the authors nevertheless acknowledge in footnote 11 that the AGFD's own experts at the time opined that the jaguar was likely of foreign origin. David Brown likewise does not regard this record as reliable for habitat modeling.

With all the conflicting information internal to your own department, I imagine that it can be very confusing. The official comments AGFD submitted to FWS, however, are exceptionally well written and reliable.
Thanks,

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Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 2:26 PM  
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>  
Subject: FW: News Release: Jaguar photograph taken by Fort Huachuca trail camera

Hi Mark Hart, do you have video of this jaguar?  
Thank you very much,  
Christine Goodfriend  
Fox 10  
KSAZ TV  
602-262-5109

From: AZGFD [mailto:e-news@azgfd.gov]  
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 10:28 AM  
To: Christine Goodfriend  
Subject: News Release: Jaguar photograph taken by Fort Huachuca trail camera

Sorry, Christine. There is no video.

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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."

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

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From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 3:08 PM
To: Brad Fulk
Subject: RE: Edited Jag pictures

Same email I was looking at, thanks.

Mark

From: Brad Fulk
Sent: Friday, December 02, 2016 6:29 PM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>; Raul Vega <RVega@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Edited Jag pictures

Mark/Raul
See the message below
Important

Brad

Sent from my iPhone

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Brad,

I know I already send you those other photos, however my chain of command is requesting that any release use the attached photos instead (if possible). Apparently they felt they needed some additional sanitizing. We do understand that the original ones have likely been seen by a large number of people already.

Thanks

[Handwritten note]
Tony, here are the photos you requested.

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Thank you, Cindy. No need to look further for the 1949 female; I'm primarily concerned with debunking the 1963 female, and have reviewed your initial attachment.

Regards,

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I have a couple more comments to look through for reference to the 1949 female but in the attached October 2012 comments, AZGFD states on page 5 under the heading, (2) Specific information on (a) the amount and distribution of jaguar habitat,

"First, though, no argument can be made by USFWS that habitat in AZ-NM provides constituent elements 'that a species [jaguar] needs to survive and reproduce,' because over the time frame analyzed, 1962-2011, no jaguars have met that standard of 'reproduce'; i.e. no females, let alone reproducing females, have been documented here over that span."

I am not finished looking through AGFD's comments for reference to the 1949 female.
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Best regards,
Hello,

On 12-5-16, the day the Fort Huachuca photo was submitted, Tim Snow and I pulled up several photographs of the Santa Ritas jaguar and compared them to the new photos from the Huachucas jaguar. I have created a quick powerpoint slide highlighting the major spot groups that I used to identify the Santa Ritas jaguar over the past few years, and demonstrating the absence of those spot groups on the Huachucas cat. Let me know if you need anything else; I can certainly produce something more rigorous if desired, however the differences were so striking it seemed that pointing out just a few was sufficient. This cat is obviously a male, and appears to be of a larger build than the Santa Ritas jaguar we have been documenting over the past few years.

Brit

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From: James Driscoll
Sent: Wednesday, December 07, 2016 10:24 AM
To: Brittany Oleson; Tom Jones; Tim Snow; Josh Avey
Cc: Jim DeVos
Subject: Comparative Analysis

When each of you complete your comparative analysis, please send them to me for submission to Jim DeVos.

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Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 9:03 AM
To: Mark A. Hart
Subject: Jaguar Regulatory Protections

Mark – The following is directly from the Jaguar Conservation Assessment 2009:

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State of Arizona – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission protected the jaguar in 1969, closing the open season that had previously allowed the species to be taken by licensed hunters. Jaguars are now listed as nongame mammals
under Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) Commission Order 14, with no open season for legal take by hunting. Violation of this order is a Class 2 misdemeanor. On May 7, 1998, state legislation (Senate Bill 1106) was signed into law that provides, when the jaguar is delisted federally, for imposing a $2500 criminal penalty (Class 2 Misdemeanor) and up to $72,500 in civil penalties for unlawful take of a jaguar. The civil fine is commensurate with the current federal fine under the ESA but the criminal penalty is considerably lower than the companion federal fine. The legislature’s intent was to ensure that state penalties would not be additive to current federal penalties, and could serve as an inducement to federal delisting.

State of New Mexico - The State of New Mexico classifies the jaguar as a Restricted species (19.33.6.9 NMAC) because of its status as a CITES Appendix 1 species. In 1999, during the 44th New Mexican Legislative Session, Senate Bill 252 was signed into law, establishing new regulations and penalties for illegally killing a jaguar. The penalties would take effect only if the jaguar were removed from the federal endangered species list. Although this law provided state penalties as high as those for any animal protected by New Mexico, the penalties are not as high as those under the ESA. In the 2006 New Mexico legislative session, House Bill 536 ("Unlawful Trophy Animal Disposition") was passed and signed into law. It allows the New Mexico Game Commission to establish regulations authorizing higher civil damages than previously allowable for wildlife designated as trophy animals, and establishes a minimum $2000 in civil penalties (without requiring removal from ESA listing to take effect). Thus, higher penalties for illegal jaguar killing may be established through Commission action. As of December 2008, no such action has been initiated.

-- Tim

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*Mexico.* The jaguar was protected by Mexico in 1986 and hunting was banned in 1987 (SEDUE 1987). It was listed as threatened on May 17, 1991 (SEDUE 1991) and uplisted to endangered on May 16, 1994 (SEDESOL 1994). The jaguar now falls under protection of Mexico’s Ley General de Vida Silvestre (General Wildlife Law), enacted in 2000 (SEMARNAT 2000) to provide for wildlife conservation and management, and jurisdiction of Mexico’s Secretariat of Environment and Natural Resources (Secretaría de Medio Ambiente y Recursos Naturales; SEMARNAT, by its Spanish acronym; see [http://www.semarnat.gob.mx/pages/inicio.aspx](http://www.semarnat.gob.mx/pages/inicio.aspx)). Mexico now considers the jaguar a priority species (DOF 1999, INE 2000) and an endangered species in accordance with Norma Oficial Mexicana NOM-059-SEMARNAT-2001 (Ceballos and others 2006). Under current Mexican law, specimens and parts of endangered species cannot be used for commercial purposes. Endangered and threatened species (or any parts thereof) can only be taken for scientific or recovery (e.g., captive propagation) purposes, and then only with prior authorization from SEMARNAT. Jaguars may not lawfully be killed simply because they depredate on livestock.

Note: see Simonian (1995) and Valdez and others (2006) for discussion of the evolution and current status of wildlife conservation and management in Mexico, including information on laws and regulatory processes referenced or alluded to above.

*United States of America.* The jaguar was listed by the United States as an endangered species in 1972, under the Endangered Species Conservation Act of 1969 (ESCA; USFWS 1972). Two lists of endangered wildlife were maintained under ESCA: foreign species; and species native to the United States; the jaguar appeared only on the list of foreign wildlife. The ESCA was superseded by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 7 U.S.C. §136, U.S.C. §1531 et seq.) and on September 26, 1975 the two ESCA lists were replaced by a single ESA “List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife” (Federal Register 40:44412-44429). The jaguar was included in the 1975 ESA list, but only for its historical range in Mexico and Central and South America. USFWS (1979) considered its failure to include historical range in the United States an administrative error that would be rectified “as soon as possible.”
USFWS (1980) soon proposed the corrective listing but then (USFWS 1982) withdrew it. Listing was proposed again on July 13, 1994 (USFWS 1994) and on July 22, 1997 (USFWS 1997) endangered status was extended to the jaguar throughout its historical range, from the southern United States (i.e. Arizona, California, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Texas) through Mexico, Central America, and South America. Subsequently, USFWS (2006) determined that it was not prudent to designate “critical habitat” for the jaguar in the United States and, on January 7, 2008, USFWS Director H. Dale Hall approved a “determination under 16 USC §1533(f)(1) that development of a formal recovery plan at this time would not promote the conservation of the jaguar (see Tuggle 2007).

State of Arizona – The Arizona Game and Fish Commission protected the jaguar in 1969, closing the open season that had previously allowed the species to be taken by licensed hunters. Jaguars are now listed as nongame mammals under Arizona Game and Fish Department (AGFD) Commission Order 14, with no open season for legal take by hunting. Violation of this order is a Class 2 misdemeanor. On May 7, 1998, state legislation (Senate Bill 1106) was signed into law that provides, when the jaguar is delisted federally, for imposing a $2,500 criminal penalty (Class 2 Misdemeanor) and up to $72,500 in civil penalties for unlawful take of a jaguar. The civil fine is commensurate with the current federal fine under the ESA but the criminal penalty is considerably lower than the companion federal fine. The legislature’s intent was to ensure that state penalties would not be additive to current federal penalties, and could serve as an inducement to federal delisting.

State of New Mexico - The State of New Mexico classifies the jaguar as a Restricted species (19.33.6.9 NMAC) because of its status as a CITES Appendix 1 species. In 1999, during the 44th New Mexican Legislative Session, Senate Bill 252 was signed into law, establishing new regulations and penalties for illegally killing a jaguar. The penalties would take effect only if the jaguar were removed from the federal endangered species list. Although this law provided state penalties as high as those for any animal protected by New Mexico, the penalties are not as high as those under the ESA. In the 2006 New Mexico legislative session, House Bill 536 (“Unlawful Trophy Animal Disposition”) was passed and signed into law. It allows the New Mexico Game Commission to establish regulations authorizing higher civil damages than previously allowable for wildlife designated as trophy animals, and establishes a minimum $2000 in civil penalties (without requiring removal from ESA listing to take effect). Thus, higher penalties for illegal jaguar killing may be established through Commission action. As of December 2008, no such action has been initiated.

-- Tim

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More than you asked for here I know, but I am unsure where are you going with it and found it interesting myself.

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Mark

Hi Mark,
What year did Arizona outlaw shooting jaguars? I know John Klump was convicted under Arizona law, not federal law, for shooting one in 1986, but when was it made illegal?
Cindy
From: Tim Snow  
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 9:22 AM  
To:  
Subject: RE: ocelot

Thank you appreciate all your help. If any more show up, please let me know.

-- Tim

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, December 08, 2016 4:40 PM  
To: Tim Snow  
Subject: RE: ocelot

Sir,

Sorry for the delay with these pictures.

Have a good one.

Justin

From: Tim Snow  
Sent: Monday, December 05, 2016 10:54:56 AM  
To:  
Subject: RE: ocelot

Sorry I was out deer hunting all last week. This is definitely a jaguar. We have 5 photos from you (file names: 441.jpeg, 453.jpeg, 2131.jpeg, p_000710.jpeg, and p_004985.jpeg). I believe this is a new individual, but I am trying to
compare with previous photos. If you have any additional photos from those cameras that I can compare, please forward those to me. I will let you know what I can figure out.

Thanks a bunch,

Tim

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 2:29 PM  
To: Tim Snow  
Subject: RE: ocelot

Here is one more.

From:  
Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 11:35 AM  
To: 'Tim Snow'  
Subject: RE: ocelot

Sir,

I attached another picture that was taken this morning. Not sure if it is Ocelot #4 or something else. The location is of the previous confirmed photos. Thank you for your assessment and please let me know if I can help.

Thank you,

Look forward to seeing the pictures. As I mentioned on the phone, there has currently been 1 individual that we are following (Ocelot #4). He has a boot-shaped rosette on his right side and a large chain of rosettes with a heart-
shaped rosette on his left side. After I receive your pictures, I should be able to determine if this the same individual. Also, Ocelot 4 was first photographed in 2012 and the most recent photo was October 10, 2016.

Thanks a bunch,

Tim

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Mark A. Hart

From: Mark A. Hart
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 10:51 AM
To: 'Packwood, Hayden'
Subject: RE: Jaguar story correction

Hayden, apology accepted and we are good. Jaguars in SE AZ is a great story, and I'm happy to get it told.

The only thing I would add is this: "In 1972, the jaguar was listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Conservation Act, a precursor to today's Endangered Species Act" or something to that effect.

BTW, violations of the Endangered Species Act are punishable by up to one year in prison and a $100,000 fine.

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From: Packwood, Hayden [mailto:hpackwood@12NEWS.COM]
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 10:31 AM
To: Mark A. Hart <MHart@azgfd.gov>
Subject: Jaguar story correction

Hi Mark,

Again, I want to sincerely apologize for not being upfront with you and thank you for giving me a call.

I changed the line - which if anyone shared our link on social media it'll be corrected there too.

Here’s the corrected line:

"As the population in the state increased, the jaguar habitat shrunk more and more.

Hart said jaguars were a prized quarry and legally hunted until 1969 when it was banned by the Arizona Game and Fish Commission.

The big cat was protected and listed as an endangered species."

Does that sound OK?
Let me know of anything else you feel should be corrected and I can do that.

Thanks so much!

Hayden Packwood
Digital Producer
Yes, but we would prefer to hear from them directly.

Thank you,

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Elvira Rojero Diaz the director of CONANP in the Sierra Alamos Rio Cuchujaqui in Southern Sonora would like to see more photos of this jaguar to see if it could be one they know from their reserve. Does anyone know if there are more?

Thank you, Mike Foster
Does this say below “Mark Hart is the person to contact about photos of the jaguar in this area.”

Mark

From: Michael Foster  
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 12:46 PM  
To: Elvira Rojero Diaz  
Subject: More recent Jaguar photos

Elvira,

Mark Hart esta el hombre que puede ayudarle con mas fotos de este jaguar nuevo en nuestro area.

Mike Foster

mhart@azgfd.gov

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From: Tim Snow  
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 1:39 PM  
To: 'Fernandez, Erin'  
Cc: Brewer, Debbie A-CIV (US); Jason Douglas (Jason.Douglas@fws.gov); Scott Richardson (scott.richardson@fws.gov); Rohr, Dawn R CIV (US); James Driscoll; Marit Alanen  
Subject: RE: Detection (UNCLASSIFIED)

I was wrong on that one. He was observed on 11/29 @ 2131, then on 12/1 1.5 miles north @ 0441 and 0453, and then the Fort on 12/1 @ 1912.

-- Tim

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From: Fernandez, Erin [mailto:erin_fernandez@fws.gov]  
Sent: Friday, December 09, 2016 1:30 PM  
To: Tim Snow  
Cc: Brewer, Debbie A CIV (US); Jason Douglas (Jason_Douglas@fws.gov); Scott Richardson (scott_richardson@fws.gov); Rohr, Dawn R CIV (US); James Driscoll; Marit Alanen  
Subject: Re: Detection (UNCLASSIFIED)

Hi Tim,

You mention that the jaguar moved back to south, so Debbie and I were wondering what time he was detected to the south. Was he picked up by [camera on the CNF again? We can call if you prefer to discuss over the phone.

Thank you!

Erin

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On Mon, Dec 5, 2016 at 5:26 PM, Tim Snow <TSnow@azgfd.gov> wrote:
Awesome, Debbie. This is much clearer and easier to see that this guy is a different/new individual. First
detection was 11/29 to the south, then your photo, and then back to the south.

I will give you a call, most likely tomorrow.

Per our protocols, USFWS, USFS, and Wildlife Services have all received notification of this animal in the
area.

Thanks again,

Tim

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Nice piece, but the last confirmed sighting of El Jefe was in September 2015. Confusion about this issue is understandable, as a video shot on that date was released year.

Regards,

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