



Draft Gulf Coast Jaguarundi (*Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli*) Recovery Plan

About the Document

Title: Gulf Coast Jaguarundi (*Puma yagouaroundi cacomitli*) Recovery Plan

Estimated Peer Review Timeline: January 2013 to February 2013

Purpose: The purpose of the revised plan is to provide an updated roadmap for recovery and ultimately removal of the Gulf Coast Jaguarundi from the list of threatened and endangered species, in accordance with section 4(f)(1) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The revised plan contains descriptions of the life history, threats, and current conservation of the subspecies, as well as recovery strategies and actions, and time and cost estimates necessary for recovery.

About the Peer Review Process

Type of Review: Influential

Date of Peer Review: The peer review will be conducted during the public review period for the draft recovery plan during January and February of 2012.

Estimated Dissemination of the Final Recovery Plan: December 2013

Type of Peer Review and Reviewer Selection Method/Expertise of Reviewers: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will solicit reviews from independent scientific reviewers with expertise in biology, conservation, and ecology of mammals and the ecosystems upon which they depend. Reviewers will be selected based upon the following criteria:

- **Expertise:** Reviewers should have knowledge in one or more of the following areas: conservation biology, mammalogy, small cat ecology, habitat and landscape conditions in southern Texas and northeastern Mexico, land management activities and their effects on small cats and on small populations.

- **Independence:** Reviewers are not employed by the Service. Academic and consulting scientists have sufficient independence from the Service or the Department of the Interior if the government supports their work.
- **Objectivity:** Reviewers are recognized by their peers as being objective, open-minded, and thoughtful. The reviewers should be comfortable sharing their knowledge and identifying their knowledge gaps.
- **Advocacy:** Reviewers are not known or recognized for an affiliation with an advocacy position regarding the protection of this species under the Endangered Species Act.
- **Conflict of Interest:** Reviewers should not have any financial or other interest that conflicts with or that could impair their objectivity.

About Public Participation: A 60 day public comment period for the draft recovery plan will begin when the notice of availability publishes in the federal register, during which time the public will have the opportunity to review and provide input to the draft plan. The availability of the plan will be made public through news releases, newspaper articles, and mailings, and will be posted on Service websites with solicitations for public comment. An outreach plan will be developed to provide ample opportunity for public involvement in the review process.

Both the draft and final plans will be available at
<http://ecos.fws.gov/speciesProfile/profile/speciesProfile.action?spcode=A05H>

This peer review plan is made available on this website to allow the public to monitor our compliance with the Office of Management and Budget's Final Information Quality Bulletin for Peer Review.

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