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Dear Dr. Povilitis:

This is in response to your March 6, 2009, letter to Secretary Salazar regarding preparation of a recovery plan for the jaguar. As you know, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is in litigation over this issue and the Service's determination that the designation of critical habitat is not prudent. On March 31, 2009, the U.S. District Court of Arizona issued a decision in the Center for Biological Diversity v. Kempthorne, et al., No. 07-372 (D. Ariz.), and we are currently reviewing the Court's Order.

Thank you for your interest in the conservation of the jaguar.

Sincerely,

Regional Director