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Dear Dr. Povilitis:

Thank you for your April 22, 2010 correspondence entitled "Earth Day Presentation of the Statement of Support for Recovering the Jaguar as a Native Species of the United States with Citizen Endorsements" and the attached "Citizen's Statement of Support for Recovering the Jaguar as a Native Species of the United States." The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) will prepare a recovery plan for the endangered jaguar and determine which areas are appropriate to propose as critical habitat for it in the United States.

We intend to convene a bi-national Recovery Team that consists of a technical team of scientists and an implementation team of partners to develop a recovery plan for the jaguar. The recovery team appointments will be made by the Service's Southwest Regional Director. We will propose critical habitat based on the best scientific and commercial information available. A proposed timeline for the critical habitat is undergoing review and approval by the Acting Director of the Service.

If you have any questions, or require further assistance, please contact Steve Spangle, Field Supervisor, Arizona Ecological Field Office, at 602-242-0210, extension 244; or Sherry Barrett, Assistant Field Supervisor, at 520-670-6150, extension 223. Thank you for your continued efforts to conserve endangered species.

Sincerely,

Acting Regional Director

Tony Povilitis, Ph.D

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