

Predators & Policies



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Overview

- Mountain Lions
 - Legal History in California
 - CDFW Roles/Responsibilities
 - Laws, Regulations, Policies
- Coyotes
 - Legal Status
 - Legal Options
- Local Contacts



Legal Status of California Mountain Lions

- 1907-1963 Bountied Predator
- 1963-1969 Nongame Mammal
- 1969-1972 Game Mammal
- 1972-1986 Protected Mammal
- 1986-1990 Game Mammal (no hunting)
- 1990-Now Specially Protected Mammal

General Department Actions

- Responsibilities (generally)
 - WLM Staff
 - Potential Human Conflict
 - Depredation response
 - Recurrent nuisance activity
 - Preventative measures
 - LED Staff
 - Potential Human Conflict
 - Public Safety Response
 - Attack Response
 - Both respond to injured/orphaned wildlife

Laws, Regulations, Policies

- Laws set by State Legislature
 - “By the People”
 - Fish and Game Code
- Regulations established by Fish and Game Commission
 - In consultation with CDFW
 - CA Code of Regulations, Title 14
- CDFW Policy set by Department Staff

Laws Pertaining to “Conflict” Lions

- Fish and Game Code 4802-4809
 - Lions may be taken if:
 - Posing immediate threat to human safety
 - Caught in the act of injuring livestock and pets
 - 72 hours to report and carcass must be made available
 - Permitted by CDFW upon request by property owner incurring damage

General Depredation Actions

- Department personnel verify damage
- If requested by the landowner, a depredation permit must be issued
- Permits issued through the WIR system

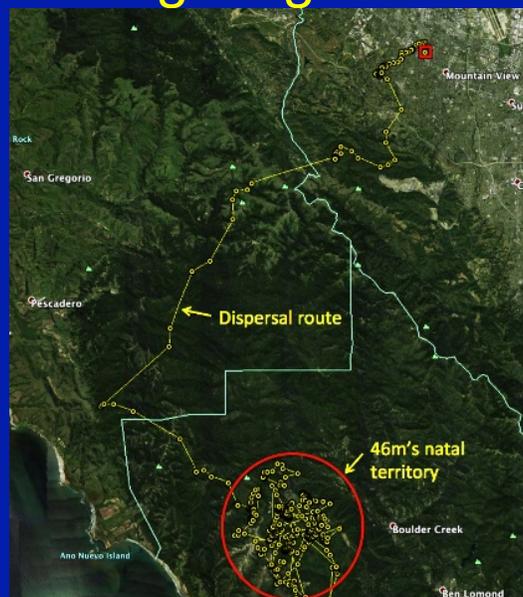
Regulations

- California Code of Regulations, Title 14
 - Sec 401
 - How to apply for depredation permit
 - Sec 402
 - Dept has 48 hours to complete investigation from time of report
 - If evidence supports lion, CDFW SHALL ISSUE permit
 - Permit valid for 10 days
 - May be renewed
 - Pursuit begins >1 mile from damage and continues <10 miles

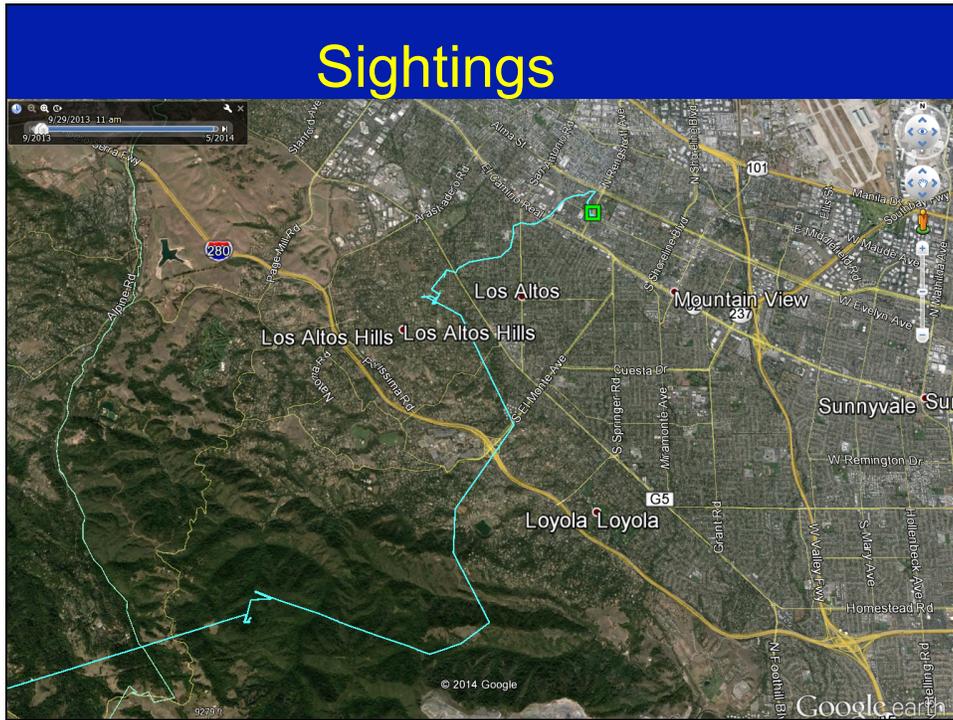
Mountain Lion Policy Overview

- Four General Interaction Types
 - Sighting
 - Depredation
 - Potential Human Conflict
 - Public Safety

Sightings



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- A report (confirmed or unconfirmed) of an observation
- Document in WIR w/in 24 hrs
- Categorize and assess if further action required
- Volunteers or seasonal staff



Lion Depredation



Lion Depredation

- Dept verification required
- No multiple animal actions
- Carcass Retrieval for Necropsy
 - Coordinate with WIL
- Oral Authorization OK
- Stress Preventative Action

Mobile Pen

Safe Livestock Enclosure

Tools List

1. Bolt cutters
2. Sledge Hammer
3. Pliers
4. Wire cutters
5. Drill with 1/4" bit

Materials List

1. One 10' x 20' Moto Shade™ Multi-Purpose Canopy kit or equivalent
2. One prefabricated chain link 36" gate
3. One 6' chain link post
4. Two self-closing chain link gate hinges
5. One chain link gate clasp/closure
6. Three rolls of 100' x 6" 11½ gauge chain link fencing
7. One 100' roll of 8 gauge galvanized tension wire
8. Seven 4" posts
9. Eighteen 2x4" nose clamps
10. One 50' spool of nylon tie wire
11. Chicken wire
12. Ten eye-bolts/burn buckle units, each unit consisting of:
 - One 1/4" eye-bolt
 - One 1/2" turnbuckle
 - Two 1/2" nuts
 - Two 1/2" washers
 - One 18" clamp

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Public Safety (no attack)



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- Secure the Scene
- Humanely kill the animal
- Notify Dispatch & RGT
- Acquire information for report and enter into WIR

Attack

Physical contact
between a lion
and a human
resulting in
injury or death



Public Safety (Attack Response)

- Secure the Scene, Medical Attention for victim
- Notify Dispatch
- Initiate ICS
- Treat area a crime scene
- Locate and kill animal ASAP
- Do not shoot in head (Rabies Test)
- Carnivore Attack Sampling Kit

Coyotes

- Nongame Mammal
 - Taken at any time in any number
- Sport Take requires hunting license
- Depredation Take at any time in any manner
 - Raw furs may not be sold

Public Information

- Department Website
 - <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/lion/>
- Keep Me Wild Campaign
 - www.keepmewild.org
 - What to Do
 - Posters
 - Brochures

Depredation Contacts

County	CDFW Regional Office	Unit Biologist	USDA Wildlife Services
Marin	(707) 944-5500; Nuisance Animals: (707) 944-5531	John Krause (415) 454-8050	N/A
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