WILDLIFE ON THE LINE
Legislative Attacks on Endangered Species Act Continue

With all the subtlety of a bulldozer, Republican and some Democratic legislators have decided to gut the state Endangered Species Act, the most important wildlife legislation in California. Attacks have been made on other Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Code statutes as well. With few exceptions, these bills weaken current protections for our wildlife heritage — protections that have, in the past, provided a frail opportunity to stem the destruction of critical habitat for both plants and animals in California.

But once again, to give the good news right away, the efforts of the Mountain Lion Foundation and other conservationists have blocked passage of weakening wildlife legislation this year. Opponents of the state Endangered Species Act vow to come back in 1994 with more damaging bills.

To give some examples, several bills would make exceptions to current law to allow the killing of endangered species, either indirectly through habitat destruction (A.B. 249 by Assembly Member Doris Allen - R- Orange County) or as part of a vague management plan...

GOVERNOR TARGETS STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM

"The state's Endangered Species Act is being dismantled, and the beneficiaries are the people with the ability to give big donations to [California Governor Pete] Wilson."

With that statement printed in the Sacramento News and Review, Mark Palmer, Executive Director of the Mountain Lion Foundation, announced the results of an extensive investigation made into the workings of the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and attempts by the Governor of California to administratively weaken laws designed to protect endangered wildlife.

Working with dissident Fish and Game employees, who risked their jobs and careers to alert us to problems within the Department, we have amassed evidence of a number of examples where wildlife protection laws were ignored by the very people charged with enforcing them.

▼ Last year, loggers moved in to cut redwood trees at Owl Creek in Humboldt County, one of the last nesting areas for the endangered Marbled Murrelet, a small seabird that nests high in coastal trees. DFG biologists had opposed the logging, but memos from the private logging firm reveal that the Governor’s office had signaled their support for the logging...

STATE ABANDONS ENDANGERED SQUIRREL
Mountain Lion Foundation Opposes Delisting Move

On Friday, May 14, the California Fish and Game Commission voted 4-0 (with one abstaining) to remove the Mojave Ground Squirrel from the California Endangered Species List.

"Delisting the Mojave Ground Squirrel was bad science and irresponsible politics," charged Mark J. Palmer, Executive Director of the Mountain Lion Foundation. "Time after time, the Fish and Game Commission has sacrificed our wildlife heritage by caving in to developers and agriculture interests."

"The state Endangered Species Act is our most important wildlife law. We need to protect endangered species, not ignore these environmental problems by taking the unprecedented step of delisting a species."

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Fish and Game biologists were ignored when thousands of endangered Winter-run Chinook Salmon smolts were ground up by pumps in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. At first, the Director of Fish and Game allowed the carnage to go forward by agreeing, in a memo, that up to 2,000 smolts could be killed without violating the state Endangered Species Act, a decision of dubious legality. Later, the Department announced that the smolts “probably were not” winter-run salmon at all, but another subspecies entirely. Later studies showed the smolts were indeed the winter-run subspecies. California Senator Dan McCorquodale stated in a letter to Fish and Game Director Boyd Gibbons: “You have apparently abandoned the fish by your blatant disregard for the mission of the Fish and Game Department and the mandates of the Endangered Species Act. I hold you responsible for the demise of California’s valuable, and irreplaceable, fish and wildlife resources.” The federal Fish and Wildlife Service finally stepped in with a plan to limit the destruction of the salmon.

Governor Wilson presided at a signing ceremony for a new agreement with the oil giant ARCO. The agreement sets aside ARCO land as habitat for endangered species, but allows ARCO to drill for oil on that land. Violations of the state Endangered Species Act by ARCO can only be stopped if the DFG gives the company “30 days notice.” This assumes that the Department will hear of any violations, because ARCO has taken on management for the land themselves.

A draft agreement with Orange County in effect exempted the county from any further enforcement of both the state and federal Endangered Species Acts if the county agrees to set up a vague Natural Community Conservation Plan for the fragile coastal sage scrub habitat. Environmentalists, including the Mountain Lion Foundation, intervened, blocking the final signing of the plan until the blanket exemption was dropped.

In Riverside County, DFG delegated its authority for enforcement under the state Endangered Species Act to the county. The county responded by approving a major housing development with only a 400 foot “buffer zone” between the housing and the Department’s premier San Jacinto Wildlife Area. To critics, the Department replies that they were only increasing efforts to gain cooperation from land owners and involve local government in implementing protection laws.

There are other signs that serious changes are taking place within the Department. Gene Toffoli, a career lawyer and biologist with DFG for many years, was transferred from his position as Chief Legal Counsel for the Department to a position with the Oil Spill program. Toffoli had been openly critical of several of the new agreements proposed by the Administration with developers. Replacing Toffoli is an outside lawyer with no experience in wildlife law or biological issues. To add insult to injury, he is being paid more than Toffoli. Similarly, new Deputy Directors in the Department were appointed with little clear qualifications for the jobs, other than that they were loyal to the Republican Party.

The Department has also appointed Terry Mansfield to head the Wildlife Management Division. Mr. Mansfield is an avid hunter and staunch opponent of protection for mountain lions, black bears, and bobcats. He was the chief spokesman for the Department against the Mountain Lion Initiative approved by voters that prohibited sport hunting of mountain lions.

The Department has long suffered from internal disorder and a lack of funding for Endangered Species programs. Under the Wilson Administration, these problems are being exacerbated. For example, conservationists have long supported the Endangered Species Tax Check-off, voluntary donations that protect endangered species through individual state income tax forms. The Administration has canceled their contract for promotion of the tax check-off this year, putting the money instead into internal administration, seriously affecting the amount that can be collected from the public. Collections run between $750,000 and $1 million annually. If they fall below $250,000 this year the check-off will be automatically terminated.

Our research on these disturbing events has been the subject of articles in the Sacramento News & Review, Sacramento Bee, Los Angeles Times, San Francisco Recorder, and San Francisco Chronicle. We continue to work with legislators to address these problems through the state legislature, and legal actions are being developed with our lawyers (see articles page 1).
HUNTERS WIN; BLACK BEARS LOSE
(this time)

Before a packed crowd of sport hunters wearing yellow ribbons, the Mountain Lion Foundation and Fund for Animals appeared before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee to plead for the lives of black bears. By a narrow vote, the Committee caved in to pressure from the gun lobby by defeating S.B. 67 by Senator Nicholas Petris (D - Oakland).

S.B. 67 bans the hunting of black bears in California with packs of dogs. Roughly 1,200 bears are shot each Fall in California for sport; 70% are killed by houndsmen using radio transmitters on hounds trained to chase and tree the black bears.

Hunters were well organized in opposition to the bill, flooding the capitol with letters and calls. Five members of the Committee (Republican Senators Don Rogers, Tim Leslie, and John Lewis, and Democrats Mike Thompson and Dan McCorquodale) voted against S.B. 67, while four Senators (Democrats Tom Hayden, Milton Marks, Patrick Johnston, and Gary Hart) voted for S.B. 67. Senators Henry Mello (D - Santa Cruz/Monterey) and Art Torres (D - Los Angeles) chose not to vote. A bill needs six "Aye" votes to get out of committee.

Senator Nicholas Petris led a spirited defense of the bill. His candor and support were outstanding. Fund for Animals Director Wayne Pacelle eloquently defended the rights of bears to be free of hunting pressures.

The sportsmen, too, were well-versed in their opposition. Quoting Aldo Leopold (later, Senator Tom Hayden would quote Leopold back at them in support of S.B. 67), and their support for their "sport" and guiding livelihoods, they painted a picture of reasonable folks just pursuing their hunting heritage.

The bear hunters received surprise support from none other than Governor Wilson. At the first hearing in March, the DFG had given such a garbled view of bear hunting that the Committee put the bill over until their May 22 hearing to get better answers. Fish and Game Director Boyd Gibbons startled the hunting community by announcing at a meeting his personal opposition to hunting bears with dogs. However, he did not support the legislation; he supported having the Commission "consider the matter" at upcoming meetings. Furious, sport hunters started a move to oust Gibbons as Fish and Game Director. The Governor responded by pulling Gibbons into meetings the afternoon before the hearing and sending the legislative staffer of the state Resources Agency, which oversees the Department of Fish and Game, to read a statement of opposition to S.B. 67 from the Wilson Administration. Gibbons was nowhere to be seen.

Our presentation sparked when we presented charts demonstrating that the Department had allowed hunters to kill 200 to 250 bears over their own biological limit set in past hunts. Several Senators were angry with the revelation; an embarrassed Fish and Game official vowed to do better at restricting the hunting to protect the fragile black bear population.

S.B. 67 failed to pass, but can be considered again by the Committee. We are discussing other options, including the possibility of an initiative like Proposition 117 to give permanent protection to bears.

What You Can Do:

Letters are still urgently needed to state Senators, especially members of the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee. Please write them: Senator ———, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. (Note: If you do not know who your state Senator is, call your local Registrar of Voters).

Urge your state Senator to support S.B. 67 to protect bears. Encourage friends to write. If your Senator is on the Committee and voted against S.B. 67 or abstained, urge them to reconsider.

A flood of letters can turn this around!
Senator Tom Hayden (D - Santa Monica) and Mark Palmer, Executive Director of the Mountain Lion Foundation, appeared before the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee in support of Hayden’s S.B. 380, a bill to outlaw sport hunting and commercial trapping of bobcats.

Last year about 300 people trapped bobcats for fur in California, while another 400 shot bobcats for sport. Palmer contends the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) ignored the interests of about 30 million people who live in California and who care about the bobcat’s survival.

The Committee thought otherwise. An avalanche of letters and phone calls from angry hunters and trappers rolled in... most claiming that S.B. 380 was an attempt to end all hunting in California. The Committee was prevailed upon to block the passage of S.B. 380.

The final vote was four “Noes” and three “Ayes”, with four members of the Committee not voting (which amounts to a “no vote” on the bill, since a bill needs at least 6 votes to move out of committee). Voting for S.B. 380 were Senators Gary Hart, Patrick Johnston, and Tom Hayden (all Democrats). Voting against S.B. 380 were Republican Senators Tim Leslie and Don Rogers and Democratic Senators Henry Mello and Dan McCorquodale. Committee Chairman Mike Thompson (D) did not vote. Absent from the hearing at the time of the vote were Senators Art Torres and Milton Marks (both Democrats) and Republican John Lewis.

The DFG joined bobcat hunters and trappers in opposing S.B. 380, stating that there is “no biological reason” to stop trapping and hunting of bobcats. Supporters of S.B. 380 responded that there is no biological reason to continue hunting and trapping, and that such activities are dying out anyway. Saving bobcats has nothing to do with biology—it has everything to do with ethics and the need to make sure that the public, who technically own wildlife resources, are indeed happy to let “their” bobcats be executed for fur and fun. A small minority of profiteers and hunters have totally monopolized the fate of bobcats and other wildlife species in California.

S.B. 380 was defeated, but it is not dead. We deliberately introduced a strong bill that outlawed all exploitation of bobcats immediately. Now that the bill has been defeated once, we will be meeting to discuss amendments that will still protect bobcats.

What You Can Do:

Letters, letters, letters!
Please send a letter today to your state Senator, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. (Note: If you do not know who your state Senator is, contact your local Registrar of Voters).

Urge them to support S.B. 380!
If your Senator is on the Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee and did not vote for S.B. 380 or voted against S.B. 380, urge them to reconsider their position.

Thank you for your help! This is a temporary setback, so keep sending those letters.
Margaret Owings on Wallace Stegner

Wallace Stegner died this spring on April 13 at age 84, but he has not gone! Far from it. For those of us who knew him as a friend - or readers who sensed the depth of human feeling in his 50-year literary career - found an interchange of understanding, looking back or reaching forward, that is always alive!

A Pulitzer Prize winner in 1972, followed by a series of National Book nominations and awards, he focused on the upbeat qualities of the pioneers but dealt sadly with the environmental damage they blindly caused.

One day in 1981 he arrived home from a trip with the flu and we were

"Something will have gone out of us as a people if we ever let the remaining wilderness be destroyed; if we permit the last virgin forests to be turned into comic books and plastic cigarette cases; if we drive the few remaining members of the wild species into zoos or to extinction; if we pollute the last clean air and dirty the last clean streams and push our paved roads through the last of the silence, so that never again will Americans be free in their own country from the noise, the exhausts, the stinks of human and automotive waste, and so that never again can we have the chance to see ourselves as single, separate, vertical, and individual in the world, part of the environment of trees and rocks and soil, brother to the other animals, part of the natural world and competent to belong in it."

— Wallace Stegner,

posed waiting for him. We knew that he alone could write "Memo to the Mountain Lion", the theme for a desperate OPERATION WILDLIFE auction to raise funds to save the cougar. Exhausted and in pain, he said he couldn't... then, he picked up his pen and rolled off lines that were to stir the people of California.

"Once, in every corner of this continent, your passing could prickle the stillness and bring every living thing to the alert."

No, Wallace Stegner will be with us for many years ahead while we guard the cougar and its place in the wild areas of California.

DO MY LETTERS REALLY COUNT?

Every so often, we at the Mountain Lion Foundation get letters asking, "Do my letters to Senators, Assembly Members, Presidents, Congressmen, and other politicians really count?"

YES! Take, for example, the Mountain Lion Foundation's bills to protect bobcats (S.B. 380) and black bears (S.B. 67).

Recently, the California's Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife Committee defeated both bills. Why? One major reason was the number of opposing letters significantly outnumbered the letters in support.

For example, S.B. 380 which protects bobcats, was defeated with three votes in favor, four votes against, and four absent/not voting (which counts as a vote against the bill). In support of the bill, the Committee received 1,175 letters from private citizens. But, sportsmen managed to generate 1,825 letters against.

Similarly S.B. 67, the black bear bill, went down to defeat with four Ayes/five Noes and two members absent/not voting. The committee received 1,614 letters supporting S.B. 67 and 2,052 letters opposing S.B. 67.

Several Senators, including several who did not vote or voted against the bills, commented on how impressed they were with the number of letters the sport hunters and trappers generated against protection of bobcats and black bears.

Your letters will count! Thank you to all those who wrote letters in support of protecting bobcats and bears!! Keep those letters coming!

Debra friends,

Thank you very much for saving the mountain lions from not being here. I want the mountain lions to be here when I'm a mother because I think that there wonderful creatures. Now they have a life to run. Those kittens are so cute when they run and play and fight. I hope some day that I can see a mountain lion and I hope they stay in peace.

Yours,

Katie
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for any port projects that fill in wetlands, to 1994. (R - Redondo Beach) originally required committees in the Assembly.

extinguishing an estimated $5.5 million in annual wildlife funding (A.B. 899 also by Sen. Deddeh) to be completed before any listing even occurs. S.B. 661 was stopped in the Senate Natural Resources Committee with our opposition; the Senate Committee has also adopted our proposed amendments to S.B. 658 that would still allow the DFG to prepare recovery plans, but not as a condition of listing a species needing help.

Some bills would make it harder to list a species as endangered by requiring economic considerations (S.B. 661 by Sen. Wadie Deddeh - D - Chula Vista) or development of a “recovery plan” (S.B. 658 also by Sen. Deddeh) to be completed before any listing even occurs. S.B. 661 was stopped in the Senate Natural Resources Committee with our opposition; the Senate Committee has also adopted our proposed amendments to S.B. 658 that would still allow the DFG to prepare recovery plans, but not as a condition of listing a species needing help.

A Few Good Bills

There are a few good bills cropping up in this sorry lot. A.B. 426 by Assembly Member Dominic Cortese (D - San Jose) and Assembly Member Robert Campbell (D - Richmond) will reauthorize the consultation provision of the state Endangered Species Act, which requires state agencies to consult with the Department of Fish and Game whenever they plan a project that may adversely affect an endangered or threatened species. Early consultation prevents harm to wildlife and helps alert developers to potential problems early in the process, when plans can be modified more cheaply. A.B. 426 has been approved by the Assembly policy and fiscal committees and has now passed the Assembly floor.

What You Can Do:

Write your state legislator and urge them to oppose any weakening amendments to the California Endangered Species Act and other wildlife laws.

Address for Assembly Members and Senators: State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814. (If you do not know who they are, check your phone book or call your local Registrar of Voters).

The Mojave Ground Squirrel has been listed as a threatened species since 1971. It is the first species ever to be removed from the state Endangered Species list. (Several species have been dropped in the past for technical reasons or because they were considered extinct.) We believe that the grounds for removal were political in nature, a violation of the state Endangered Species Act.

We are proposing a four-part plan to meet this latest crisis of the California Endangered Species Act:

(1) formally request the Commission to reconsider their delisting action.

(2) legal recourse. (Several lawsuits in the past have been filed against the California Fish and Game Commission for violations of the state Endangered Species Act.)

(3) consideration to add the Mojave Ground Squirrel to the federal Endangered Species List, providing federal protection to this species and its habitat.

(4) ask the state Senate to consider the Mojave Ground Squirrel during confirmation hearings of Commissioner Douglas McGeoghegan, newly appointed by Governor Pete Wilson.

The Commission is charged with listing and delisting endangered and threatened species. The Kern County Planning Department prepared a proposal to delist the Mojave Ground Squirrel last year. Despite opposition from independent biologists, environmental organizations, and the DFG, the Commission overruled their own experts to side with Kern County. Ranchers and developers have long complained about the listed species interfering with development projects in the range of the squirrel.

The Mojave Ground Squirrel occurs in small numbers throughout a 4.8-million-acre section of the Mojave Desert. The species is threatened with extinction. About one-third of the habitat is private land, one-third managed by federal military, and one-third managed by the federal BLM. The federal lands are subject to development pressures such as military construction, off-road vehicle use, overgrazing, and mining.

We are determined to block this outrageous action by the Fish and Game Commission.
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Education for Habitat
The Mountain Lion Foundation developed an extensive education report, aimed at land-use administrators and decision-makers, entitled Preserving Cougar Country: A Guide to Protecting Mountain Lion and Deer Habitat in California. Work was also conducted on research and drafts of our new book, published in October 1992, entitled Cougar: The American Lion, the most definitive book to date on mountain lions in North America.

A Leader in the State Legislature
We continued our role as a leader in the state legislature on wildlife issues, becoming an effective advocate for defending the state Endangered Species Act, generating new revenues for this program and other wildlife protection efforts, and banning the practice of "canned hunts" in California. We have also launched a state-wide campaign to protect bobcats from commercial trapping.

The Foundation's efforts to bring public and legal attention to the operation of an illegal big cat hunt operation in Monterey County culminated in a successful awards banquet, honoring the case's prosecutor, wardens, volunteers, and a local newspaper reporter.

Volunteers Help Us Grow
In FY 1991 - 1992, volunteers donated 1,118 hours of time to the Mountain Lion Foundation, not including countless hours of work by our volunteer Board of Directors. This compares with 493.5 hours of volunteer work donated during FY 1990 - 1991.

72,498 Acres Saved by Prop. 117
Implementing Proposition 117, "the Mountain Lion Initiative" passed by voters in 1990, has been high on our priority list this year. We have worked with the state legislature on developing and approving a budget of $30 million annually to protect wildlife habitat. This is quite an accomplishment during these austere times. We also worked with state agencies to identify and acquire property for habitat. To date 72,498 acres of wildlife habitat have been acquired for protection and over 170 miles of stream restoration and/or bank stabilization has been conducted through the efforts of the Mountain Lion Foundation and Proposition 117.

The Foundation also takes on difficult projects at the local level, such as Coal Canyon (see page 2), and participated in protection efforts on numerous other specific local projects.

Financial Statements — Comparison

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| Research and Education | $109,004  | 152,523    |
| Support & Member Services | $142,687 | $158,440  |
| **Total Expenses**     | **$381,734** | **$367,151** |

NET <Loss>                | <45,135>   | <41,065>   |

Fund Balance (End of Year) | $121,772   | $80,707   |

Detailed financial information about the Mountain Lion Foundation, including annual Internal Revenue Service Form 990 and annual Audit/Audit Review, can be obtained by contacting our office: Mountain Lion Foundation, PO Box 1896, Sacramento, CA, 95812, 916/442-2666.
PARK/WILDLIFE INITIATIVE FOR 1994!

"Oh, give me land, lots of land, lots of beautiful land, don't fence me in . . ."

The Mountain Lion Foundation has joined the campaign to protect our wildlife heritage through the establishment of new parks and wildlife areas throughout California. Dubbed Californians for Parks and Wildlife, or CALPAW II for short, this new initiative is gearing up for the June 1994 ballot. Over 600,000 signatures are needed to place the measure on the ballot, so plenty of volunteers are needed to collect signatures this Summer and Fall (roughly 5 months beginning this June)!

CALPAW II is a general obligation bond act that would generate $1.9 billion for acquiring new lands for parks, open space, and wildlife habitat. Much of the land acquisitions and habitat enhancement projects would benefit mountain lions, bobcats, black bears, and endangered species.

If you would like to volunteer to help gather signatures this summer, please drop us a note with your name, address, and day and evening telephone numbers. You will be contacted by initiative coordinators in your area. You can write the Mountain Lion Foundation, CALPAW II Campaign, P.O. Box 1896, Sacramento, CA 95812 to volunteer.

Our wildlife heritage is being lost to bulldozers, pavement, and shopping malls. CALPAW II will save habitat, and the wildlife that depends on that habitat for their homes, for future generations of Californians! Please help us preserve our wildlife heritage. Volunteer today.

CONGRATULATIONS to our staff Administrator, Carsynn Costa, and her husband Randy who are expecting their first child in September!

WISH LIST

Many thanks to our members for their generous donations over the years! We have received office equipment, artwork, and an answering machine. Another donor delivered a huge shipment of envelopes which lasted 3 years. THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!

This year our wishes include:

- filing cabinets
- Macintosh computer(s)
- IBM compatible computer(s)
- fax machine
- video cassette recorder (VHS)
- bookcases/bookshelves
- 8.5" x 11" recycled white or colored paper

If you wish to donate an item, please contact Carsynn Costa at 916/442-2666. All donations to the Mountain Lion Foundation are tax deductible.

We offer our appreciation for bequests made in memory of:

Robert Kemp and Elaine Volkman;
Paul Corey by John & Bobbie Harms, Babette Scott, Jerry Casson, Mrs. Albert Kahn and Joanie Morgan; and
Muriel Sharp by Daniel Sharp

COUGAR BOOK SUCCESS

Presentations Available for Groups

The Mountain Lion Foundation's new book, Cougar: The American Lion, has been selling so well that the publisher has ordered a second printing! Written by the Mountain Lion Foundation's Science Director, Kevin Hansen, Cougar: The American Lion is the most comprehensive and up-to-date book available on the big cats. It's the perfect gift for a cat lover.

Kevin has also developed a 45-minute slide program on mountain lions that he has presented at over 30 museums, nature centers, and state parks throughout California. He has spoken at Sonoma State University, Palm Springs Desert Museum, and Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Over 600 people were in attendance for two recent presentations at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco.

If you would like to purchase Cougar: The American Lion, or invite Kevin to speak to your group or organization, please contact the Mountain Lion Foundation, PO Box 1896, Sacramento, CA 95812; 916/442-2666.
1994 Calendar
12 brilliant full color photos of the Great Wild Cats of North America – Cougar, Bobcat, Jaguar, Lynx and Ocelot!
Cover essay by Mark J. Palmer, Executive Director, with inserts from Robert Redford and Michael Blake.
A Terrific Gift at $10.95!
And get a second one for yourself for only $9.95!

"Cougar: The American Lion"
(not pictured)
Going into its second printing!
Full of wonderful information and photos.
Order your copy of this book today $19.95

Protect T-Shirt
(as seen on Volunteer of the Year Nancy Baker)
Always a favorite 100% pre-shrunk cotton
Green, Blue and Tan; sizes S, M, L, XL
Priced to sell at $4.95
(limited sizes and colors, please indicate alternate color choice)

Quest for Protection T-Shirt
(as seen on Program Director Kim Klein's husband, Barry)
100% pre-shrunk cotton • Black only • S, M, L, XL
Drastically reduced to $5.95

Adopt-a-Lion
The Adopt-a-Lion Program gives you the means to protect a most powerful symbol of natural beauty and wilderness, and you will learn more about their characteristics and range. Because of the lion's elusive and secretive nature, we can't track each one individually, so it is a symbolic adoption.
The benefits you receive include the following:
• A picture of the new addition to your family
• Your own personal adoption papers
  • A biological fact sheet
• Updates on current research
• Satisfaction from contributing to protection efforts

Your 1-year adoption fee is $25.00 (tax deductible) and makes a unique gift for weddings, birthdays and graduation!
TO: Mountain Lion Foundation
P.O. Box 1896
Sacramento, CA 95812

Your Thoughts

We want your suggestions, concerns, observations or other input. Send to the Mountain Lion Foundation, PO Box 1896, Sacramento, CA 95812

We appreciate hearing from you and depend on you to be our eyes and ears for California's Wildlife.