

**Pima Natural Resource Conservation District**  
**Land Management Plan**  
**Policy 1 – Jaguar**

The Endangered Species Act requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to make decisions based solely on the “best scientific and commercial data available.” Furthermore, the Endangered Species Act forbids the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from making its findings based on speculation. The U. S. Fish & Wildlife service must rely upon credible journal published rigorously peer-reviewed, relevant and reliable scientific research.

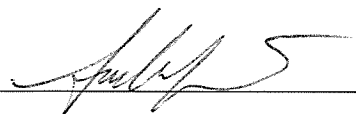
The Pima Natural Resource Conservation District requests the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reevaluate and reverse its determination that the designation of critical habitat is prudent for the jaguar in areas of Arizona and New Mexico along the Mexican border since the best scientific and commercial data available clearly and convincingly shows that males of this species occur only as transients and breeding does not occur, and habitat “essential” to this species’ survival does not exist under any scientific definition of that term.

Since the listing of the Jaguar, new information formally submitted to the Service reveals that there is no scientific evidence supportive of the contention that the introduction of livestock in Arizona 300 years ago by Father Kino, Spanish and American pioneers contributed to any decline in either jaguar range or numbers. Neither species records (apart from questionable illegal introductions for hunting or resulting from baiting) nor habitat features support the position that a tropical and semi-tropical species would be likely to choose habitat so atypical of its preferences.

Decreases in property values, serious constraints on property rights and scientifically unsupportable limits on land use or use of natural resource on the land should not be placed on individuals and productive entities.

Passed and adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: 4                      NAYS: 0

BY   
Andrew McGibbon, Chairman