

InfiniTek Donates to the “Defenders of Wildlife” – April 24, 2009

InfiniTek Corporation has generously donated to the **Defenders of Wildlife** who is working to rescue the **Mexican Jaguar** from near extinction. **Defenders of Wildlife** in close partnership with **Northern Jaguar Project** and **Naturalia** has established the **Jaguar Guardian Program** to help stop Jaguar killing and to assist with much-needed field research to gain a much better understanding of population size, dispersal behavior and habitat needs.

The **Jaguar** (*Panthera onca*) is a big cat, the third-largest feline after the tiger and the lion and is the largest and most powerful feline in the Western Hemisphere. Apart from a tiny population southeast of Tucson, AZ, the cat has been missing from the US since the early 1900’s. The habitat characteristics of the Jaguar resemble most closely the tiger – both cats love to swim, for instance!



In 2003 conservation organizations purchased a 10,000 acre ranch in Northern Mexico, which is the first parcel set aside to establish a Reserve where the Jaguars can flourish. Plans include eventually growing the Reserve to 3,000 square miles. The Reserve has very few humans nearby and already has an indigenous Jaguar population of 75. Defenders and its partners intend to use this Refuge as a staging ground for the Jaguar to reclaim their habitat in the Southwestern US.

Key to the success of this worthy project to protect and expand the Jaguar population is the serious research of Dr. Carlos Lopez-Gonzales who is collecting key biological and ecological data to ensure the future viability of the big cat. Funds are also needed to compensate ranchers for any livestock loss due to the predatory behavior of the Jaguar. Gaining rancher buy-in to the program is critical to the reclamation efforts.

InfiniTek is proud to be a contributor to this noble and worthy cause to prevent the Jaguar population from extinction.