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## **Conservationists Request Hunters Avoid Killing Research Lions**

The Mountain Lion Foundation, a national non-profit dedicated to Saving America's Lion, today called upon hunters across the nation to actively avoid killing radio-collared research mountain lions.

In Arizona, three research lions have been killed by hunters in less than one year. Other researchers have reported similar losses in other states across the West. A new study has received considerable attention and hopes to include 10 lions.

"We have so much yet to learn about these crucial predators," said Lynn Sadler, President of the Mountain Lion Foundation, "and these tagged lions are the key to that knowledge."

Researchers say that tracking, capturing, and collaring a single lion can cost as much as \$10,000 and most of that is taxpayer funded.

"Of course the data is priceless," said Sadler, "so it is just common sense that we should avoid killing these animals, even though it is legal to do so." said Sadler.

The Mountain Lion Foundation also requests that when you see a tagged or collared lion, please report the time, date and general location as soon as possible to assist the researchers.

Sightings may be reported to the researchers, to the game agencies, or to the Mountain Lion Foundation at (800) 391-7621 which will immediately forward the information to the appropriate research team. Sightings of collared lions will also be forwarded from [mlf@mountainlion.org](mailto:mlf@mountainlion.org)

If, in the future, any study specifically requests the public to kill collared mountain lions, researchers may notify the public of exceptions to this request.

The Mountain Lion Foundation is a 19-year-old national non-profit wildlife education and protection organization, dedicated to Saving America's Lion™. The Mountain Lion Foundation is a leading authority on mountain lion conservation and habitats.

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