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Living with Lions in Oregon
Pro-active solutions are win-win proposition for all

Salem, OR – At the urging and invitation of Oregon members and residents, the Mountain Lion Foundation kicks off 2006 with the Living with Lions campaign in Salem, bringing better understanding and pro-active solutions for living in and near lion country. By taking simple, positive actions residents can insure the safety of their pets and livestock – while saving taxpayers money, while saving the Department of Fish and Game from the pressure to kill lions, and in the long-run saving the landscape Oregonians love.

Speakers: Mountain Lion Foundation, Michelle Cullens
Verdant Vistas, Patricia Copa

What: Kick-off of Living with Lions campaign in Oregon

When: Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: Capitol Press Room, 900 Court Street, Room 43, Salem, Oregon 97301

The campaign will feature educational presentations, providing better understanding of mountain lion behavior and biology and the valuable role they play in the surrounding ecosystem. Another element of the Living with Lions campaign, developed with funding from the National Wildlife Federation and in partnership with local 4-H and FFA groups, includes constructing a predator-proof small livestock enclosure. On Sunday, January 8th, at 10:00 a.m. the final touches will be put on the predator-proof enclosure being constructed at Verdant Vistas located at 6058 Riverdale Road S. Members of the press, the community, and the Fish and Wildlife Commission are invited to explore this highlighted solution as it is put in place on a working farm in Oregon.

Detailed plans for building lion-proof livestock pens are available free of charge at www.MountainLion.org, in the publications section.

The Mountain Lion Foundation is a national non-profit conservation organization founded in 1986 dedicated to saving America's lion.

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