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BIG CAT SCIENTIST TO REVEAL NEW DATA ABOUT COUGAR AND JAGUAR POPULATIONS AT NISQUALLY REFUGE LECTURE SERIES

Jaguar and Cougar expert to tell "The Story of Big Cat Behavior and Conservation" in Olympia

OLYMPIA, WA – Dr. [Howard Quigley](#), the Executive Director of the Jaguar Program at [Panthera](#), the global leader in wild cat conservation, will discuss his experiences working to conserve jaguars in Latin America and cougars in the US, as well as reveal stories about the extraordinary behavior of these charismatic cats, next **Wednesday, July 7th at 7 p.m.** in Olympia. The lecture is a part of the Nisqually Valley National Wildlife Refuge's Summer Lecture series 2010: "*Critters, Climate, Conservation, and Change.*"

Quigley is currently working on the [Teton Cougar Project](#) in collaboration with [Craighead Beringia South](#) in the Jackson Hole area, to shed light on predator-prey interactions, cougar populations, and their interactions with other large carnivores, and humans. Assignment Earth featured the Project and Quigley in one of its segments, video [here](#).

Leading from his seminal work on jaguars in the Brazilian Pantanal in the 1980s, Quigley is now fully immersed in leading the most comprehensive jaguar conservation program to date, which spans 13 of the 18 jaguar range states. He has also studied cougars in central Idaho, giant pandas in China, and Siberian tigers in the Russian Far East.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information about Nisqually's lecture series, please visit http://www.fws.gov/Nisqually/events/summer_lecture.html

Photos of Dr. Quigley and cougars are available here:
<https://gloverparkgroup.box.net/shared/3j9abhx647>

WHO: **Cougar and Jaguar Expert Howard Quigley** speaks at Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge's 2010 Summer Lecture Series: Critters, Climate, Conservation, and Change

WHERE: Nisqually National Wildlife Refuge
Refuge Visitor Center Auditorium
Take 1-5 Exit 114 and follow signs to the Refuge
Olympia, WA

WHEN: Wednesday, July 7th at 7:00 PM

Reporters who are interested in speaking with Quigley prior to his visit can contact Jennifer Mullin at 202-292-6973 or jmullin@gpgdc.com to schedule an interview.

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