

# A Cougar Comeback

With increased sightings, Panthera scientists identified 13 landscapes where cougars could thrive in the Eastern United States, should the species return.



# 1,700 MILES

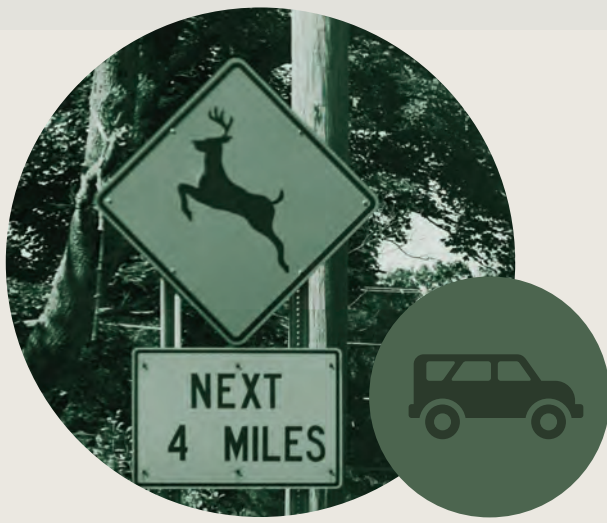
Trailblazers like the "Connecticut Cat" are traveling up to **1,700 miles** from **South Dakota** to **Connecticut** to find territory and a mate.



# 13

Landscapes pinpointed as viable to support long-term cougar populations, accounting for habitat size, forest cover, distance to highways, human density and how people perceive wildlife.

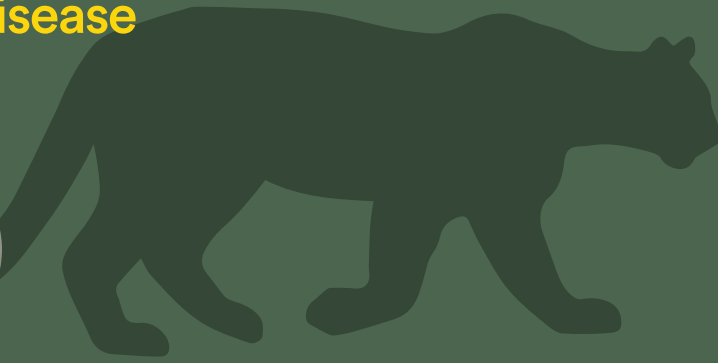
## \$2 BILLION & 155 HUMAN LIVES...



...are estimated to be saved over 30 years due to reduced deer-vehicle collisions.\*

\* Gilbert, et al. 2017.

Cougars would bring **healthier forests**, **safer roads**, **less zoonotic disease** and more benefits.



The New York Times

To learn more, read the New York Times op-ed "**Cougars Are Heading East**" – by Puma Program Director, Dr. Mark Elbroch.