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SPECIAL PROGRAM TO DISCUSS COUGAR POPULATIONS

The National Elk Refuge will be hosting a special hour-long presentation on Wednesday, January 11 at 12:30 PM to share information about cougars and to highlight the area's Teton Cougar Project. The presentation, which will be held at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson, will be led by wildlife biologist Marilyn Cuthill from Craighead Beringia South.

Cuthill has been with the Kelly, Wyoming wildlife research organization since 2005. In her role as Teton Cougar Project coordinator, Cuthill oversees the daily activities of field data collection and immobilizing and radio collaring cougars. During her presentation, she will discuss perceptions and facts about cougars, habitat and range, factors that affect cougar populations, and human and mountain lion interactions. "We're looking forward to sharing how cougar populations can shape biodiversity and play an essential role in ecologic function over most of their range," Cuthill said. "With cougars expanding their territories, sightings of cougars have increased. Consequently, it's important to learn more about these elusive animals and their characteristics."

The presentation is open to the public and free of charge. Participants may bring a lunch to enjoy during the noon hour talk; light refreshments will be served. For more information on the program, please contact the National Elk Refuge administrative offices at 307.733.9212.

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