

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

September 19, 2012

From: Mike DeBord, President
Southfork Ranch Homeowners Association

Subject: Donation to El Dorado County, Department of Agriculture, Trapper Program

Dear Chairman Knight and Members of the Board,

On behalf of Southfork Ranch Homeowners Association, we would like to donate \$1,850.00 to the County of El Dorado, Department of Agriculture, specifically for additional supplies for the "trapper" program. These funds, which reflect individual contributions from a majority of the homeowners in our subdivision, should provide the bulk of the cost to purchase a GPS tracking device and dog collar transmitters to equip the hunting dogs used by the County trapper.

Our small Southfork Ranch community raised these funds after an attack by mountain lions on August 26, 2012, and the County trapper who works at the County Department of Agriculture, responded to a 911 call from our community. We greatly appreciate the services of the trapper who performed his duties in a very professional manner and alleviated a very real public safety concern for our community.

Mountain lion attacks are very rare, but when they do attack, it is very critical to have a coordinated multi- agency response able to take the necessary actions. El Dorado County has an outstanding program, very helpful staff, and a very professional trapper. The State Fish & Game Department was very professional as well and authorized the trapper to respond to the 911 call that night. Our community has worked with several governmental agencies with follow up reports. We have not sought press coverage based on this attack but rather have provided the County, State and Federal authorities with detailed information for their use in reviewing what happened and informing the public about mountain lions.

The County trapper program is an important component of the overall public safety network for the community and we especially appreciate the prompt and professional services that were provided during our emergency.