

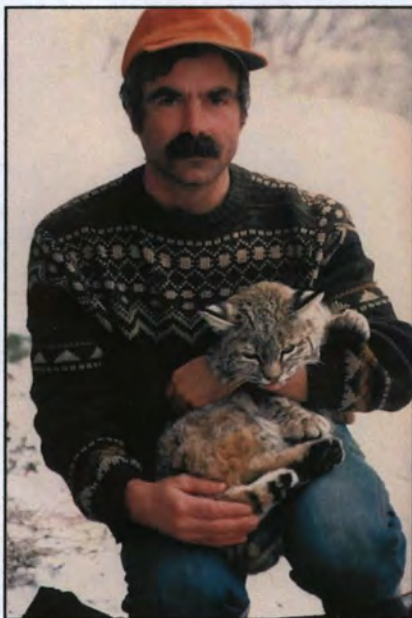


Dr. Gary Koehler Bobcat Distribution

Dr. Gary Koehler studied bobcats from 1980 to 1985 to earn his Ph.D. His objective was to determine the factors regulating bobcat distribution and numbers in the Frank Church River of no Return Wilderness area and to use the information to formulate or improve upon policy for managing the cats.

He concluded that severe winters and a limited prey base at the time were responsible for a low population of bobcats. He recommended constant monitoring of the bobcat population to prevent over harvest.

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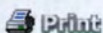


Gary Koehler with bobcat.



Kamir, a hand-raised bobcat from Salt Lake City Zoo was helpful in Gary's study.

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Dr. Howard Quigley and Dr. Gary Koehler Mountain Lion Population

Dr. Howard Quigley and Dr. Gary Koehler conducted mountain lion research during winters of 1983 through 1987 to compare changes in population size, age and sex composition, and home ranges with earlier research on Big Creek. Mountain lion numbers increased along with an increase in the elk population.

The benefit of this research was the understanding gained from studying a species over such a long period of time. This research showed the response of a predator population to a change in prey population.

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Howard Quigley and Tony Wright searching for a cougar signal.



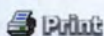
Gary and Mona Koehler with a pen-raised cougar kitten they later released to the wild.



A radio-collared cougar.

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