

Southwest Region

The Submerged Cultural Resources Inventory for Point Reyes NS and Point Reyes-Farallon Islands National Marine Sanctuary, authored by Toni Carrell, is now in print. The shipwreck survey for the same area, prepared by Larry Murphy, is at the Government Printing Office in Denver, ready for delivery. Both documents are available from the Submerged Cultural Resource Division, P.O. Box 728, National Park Service, Santa Fe, NM 87501.



An 8-year-old boy, walking with his parents, a brother and sister in the well-populated Basin area of Big Bend NP on July 28, was attacked and badly mauled by a 70-pound, 2-year-old, male mountain lion. The boy's father attempted to rout the lion and was himself attacked and bitten.

Twenty-four hours later, after tracking the animal in a 20-mile circle, Big Bend Rangers and Texas trackers overtook and killed the lion at a spot almost exactly where the boy was attacked. Lab analysis of the animal's head was negative for rabies; the stomach analysis was positive for human flesh and hair.

Big Bend NP has recorded 494 documented lion/human interactions since 1952, according to Milford Fletcher, Southwest Regional Chief Scientist.