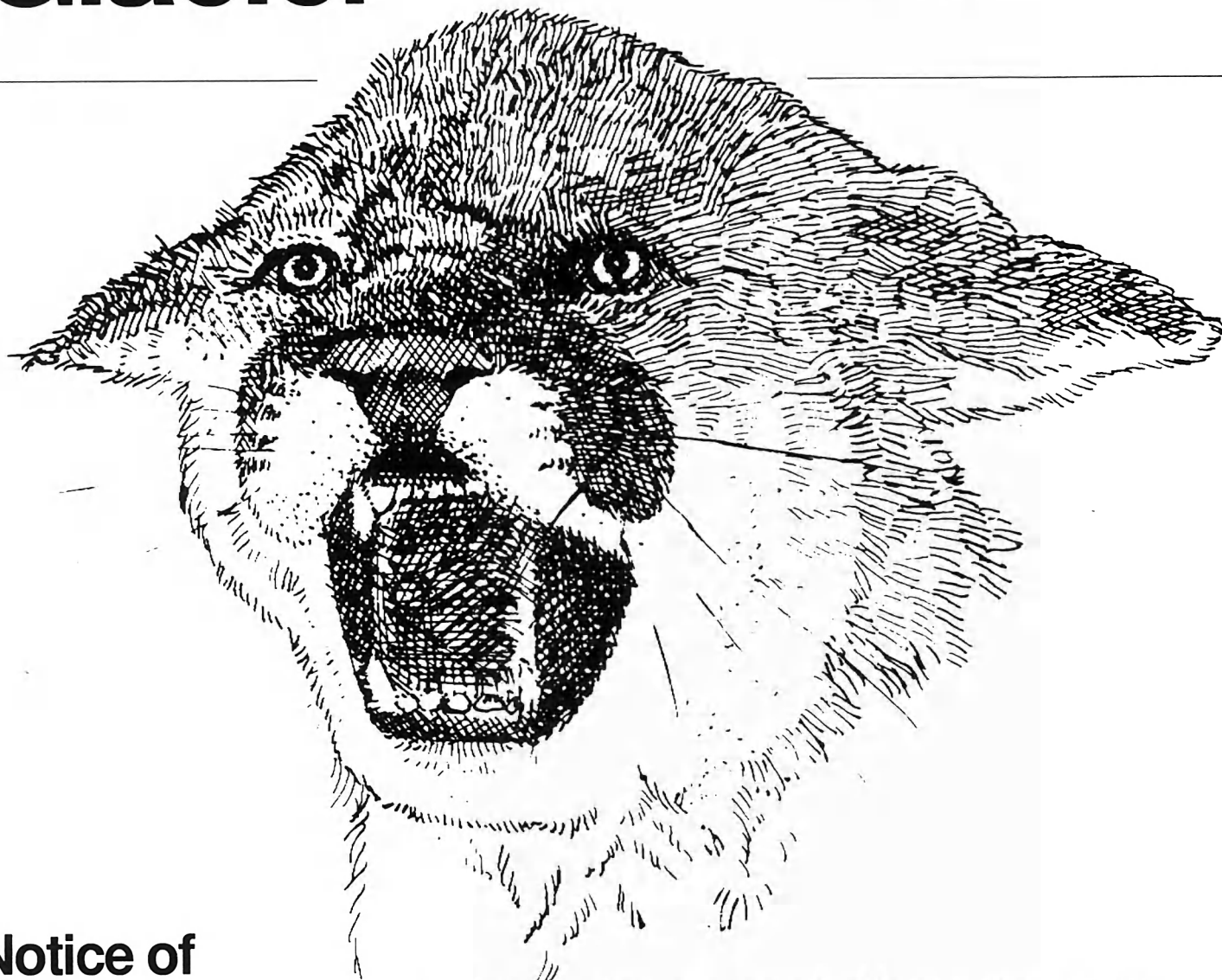




Notice of Mountain Lion Activity

Mountain lions have been seen in this area very recently.

Although usually secretive and seldom seen, mountain lions are potentially dangerous to humans and there have been rare lion attacks in the park in the past few years. Unsupervised children, pets, and lone adults are typically more at risk.

Reducing Your Risk of an Encounter

- Closely supervise children whenever they are outdoors, even in developed areas. Be especially careful around areas of dense undergrowth.
- Keep pets leashed and under control. Do not feed them outdoors, as this can attract lions.
- Leaving pets tied up or unattended at your campsite may attract a lion and result in the loss of your pet.
- **Pets are not allowed on park trails or in the backcountry.**
- Hike in groups rather than alone, and make noise while hiking.
- Although not documented, pepper spray may be an effective deterrent.

If You Meet a Mountain Lion

- **DO NOT RUN.** Running may trigger the lion's instinct to attack.
- **Pick up small children** to prevent them from running away.
- **Stand up, facing the lion and try to appear larger** by raising or waving your hands. Back away slowly.

If the Lion Acts Aggressively

- **Aggressive actions by lions include** advancing toward you, snarling, crouching, and flattening its ears.
- **Throw rocks or sticks.** While passive actions are recommended for bears, people need to act aggressively towards an aggressive lion.
- **Fight back aggressively if attacked.** Try to remain standing and use available materials (rocks, sticks, bare hands) to repel the attack.

Reporting Observations

Please report mountain lion sighting or interactions to the nearest ranger, visitor center, or park headquarters at (406) 888-7800. This information is valuable for protection of visitors, preservation of mountain lions, and assists in management decisions.

