

FLORIDA PANTHER GENETIC RESTORATION PROGRESS REPORT

JUNE 1995

TX101 -- This cougar was just south of CR 846 (Immokalee Rd.) and about 2 miles west of CR 951 at the beginning of June. She crossed 846 moving into the Corkscrew area of Lee County where tracking was hampered by the passing of hurricane Allison. TX101 continued moving northeast and by 6 June was located near LaBelle. She spent several days around LaBelle before traveling southeast into the Devil's Garden area by the third week of June. She continued traveling southeast crossing the Addition Lands to within one mile of Interstate 75. She then turned back north traveling through the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation and was located northwest of the Reservation at month's end.

TX102 -- TX102 began and ended the month east of the Hendry County Correctional Facility. She moved gradually to the northeast for about two weeks towards CR 833, and then back southwest during the next two weeks to arrive in the same vicinity where she had begun her monthly movements.

TX103 -- TX103 has used a 10 square mile area to the west of Loop Road and Monroe Station in the Big Cypress National Preserve during June. She has been located adjacent to Highway 41, but has not been documented north of the road. She is using pinelands, often mixed with the exotic tree melaleuca. Rainfall in this area in June was approximately 12 to 15 inches.

TX104 -- This cat has primarily stayed in the Belle Meade area south of Interstate 75. She was located near the Orange Tree housing development on 7 June but had returned south to her usual range in the Belle Meade by 9 June. TX104 was located in the northwest portion of the south Golden Gate Estates the last day of June.

TX106 -- TX106 continues to use the northern portion of Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve and adjacent lands to the west. She traveled across Janes Scenic Drive in the Preserve to just south of the release pen during the second week of June. She then returned north near Interstate 75 but has yet to venture north of the Interstate.

TX107 -- This cougar has spent most of June in the central part of Big Cypress called Calusa Ranch, an area of hammocks and old-growth pines dotted with hunting camps that are usually vacant at this time of year. Rainfall during June was approximately 12 inches in this area.

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