

FLORIDA PANTHER GENETIC RESTORATION PROGRESS REPORT

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The next state-wide progress report will be released in October 1996. This version is a release for Everglades National Park.

TX105 -- This Texas cougar continues to utilize the pinelands and hardwood hammocks in the vicinity of Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park. She recently began to concentrate her activity to an area a few miles west of the Beard Center. She was located with male panther #16 during the early part of June and we will continue to watch for denning activity.

TX108 -- This female Texas cougar remained in a relatively small area that may be an indication that she is still with kittens. During the month of August, she used an area in Long Pine Key that was less than 2-3 square miles in size. A previous attempt to locate her den site to confirm the existence of kittens was unsuccessful. However, we will continue to monitor her movements and will try to verify the existence of kittens at a later date.

Male panther #16 continues to roam the pinelands of Long Pine Key as well as areas north of the main Park road. He spent several days in the vicinity of the "Tomato Patch" and Contex road (4 miles north of the Pinelands trail)--probably feeding on a deer kill.

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