

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. There have been no confirmed denning activities to date, however, she was located with male panther #16 during the early part of June and we will be watching for future denning activity.

TX108 -- This female Texas cougar continues to show reduced movement patterns that are indicative of denning activity. She was located in the same hardwood hammock in the Long Pine Key area of Everglades National Park during the end of June and continuing through the first week of July. Male panther #16 was located in the same hammock during the second week of July. As a possible response to this disturbance, TX 108 moved her den site to a new location. She remained at the new location for the remainder of the month. An attempt was made to locate the den in order to confirm the existence of kittens, however, the new den site is located in very thick vegetation (Brazilian Pepper) and the effort was unsuccessful. We will continue to monitor her movements and may make another attempt to verify the existence of kittens at a later date.

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