

FLORIDA PANTHER GENETIC RESTORATION QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

October, November, December 1996

TX105 -- This female Texas cougar continues to utilize the pinelands and hardwood hammocks of Long Pine Key west of the Beard Center in Everglades National Park. She has remained mostly within a 4 mile radius of her original den site indicating that she still has her kitten. The female kitten is about 4 months old and should be able to make short treks with her. We continue to see many deer in this area so TX105 should have little trouble finding prey. On 4 November TX105 and male panther #16 were located at opposite ends of the same hammock. We have not located them together since that date. Panther #16 has been making large movements as water levels have receded in this area of the Park. His home range covers both ranges of TX105 and TX108 as well as areas north to Chekika and as far south as Mahogany Hammock.

TX108 -- During the reporting quarter this cougar was located in hammocks and pinelands of Long Pine Key in Everglades National Park as well as areas to the north. She travels further than TX105 and crosses the main Park road frequently to use the scattered hammocks and prairies to the north. On 2 December we confirmed that she has at least one kitten. We observed her and a single kitten from the airplane as they walked near a small hammock north of the main Park road. On 23 December we again observed her and a single kitten as they moved through a prairie west of the Beard Center. The kitten appears to be 1/2 her size and should be approximately 6 months old. On 30 December she returned to the area north of the main Park road.

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They have a new separate tax number now

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