

Florida Panther Recovery Implementation Team

Action Items

Programs for Private Landowners

- Kevin & Dawn will talk with the RO about using Partners for Fish and Wildlife funding for the pilot project once the concept paper is completed.
- Create subteam for this issue? *On hold for now*

Inventory & Monitoring

- Analyze camera trap data sets from FPNWR and Picayune Strand - Dave Onorato
- The FWS South Florida office will update its website with information from the annual minimum count and FWC to reflect a current best estimate of the FL panther population. FWC and FWS will add panther growth rate information to their websites.

Range Expansion & Reintroduction Potential

- Review summary document from the Human Dimensions of Carnivore Conservation meeting at White Oak Plantation in 2010 – *continue at future mtg*
- Review existing literature and habitat models to determine what areas are being managed north of the river that would provide good habitat for the panther – *Jan mtg and continue at future mtg.*
- Need information about how other large mammal reintroductions are working – *future mtg.*
- Need examples to demonstrate where panther/human interactions are working.
- Develop consolidated plan concerning expanding the panther population across the river.
- Provide regulatory relief to landowners north of the river.
- Address the socio-economic impacts of panther reintroduction.
- Create subteam for this issue?

Recovery Criteria

- Dawn will investigate the background/justification for the spatially-explicit individually-based model that Madon Oli is developing.
- Need to prepare appointment letters for potential members of a “Panther Population” Subteam.

Habitat Restoration & Management

- Need a subteam for this topic for hydrological or botanical expertise and knowledge of the relationship between panther and prey populations to help guide where restoration efforts could occur.
- Describe what we want this subteam to do.
- Appoint Tom Hoctor (UF) and a representative from the Florida Division of Forestry to the subteam.

Taxonomic Status

- Dawn will seek clarification on the Service's "position" concerning Puma taxonomy.

Genetic Management Plan

- Need genetics workshop to identify genetic thresholds to monitor, incorporate genetics into recovery criteria and options for subsequent introgression events.

Vehicular Mortality

- Convene meeting as soon as proposed members confirm receipt of appointment letters.

FL Panther Public Forum

- Finalize notes from Public Forum.
- Post presentations on FPRIT website