

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*
- Kevin will revise the draft Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) concept paper to incorporate comments from stakeholders.
- Kevin and Dawn will meet with NRCS on July 29th to discuss the relationship of their EQIP program to the PES.
- Dawn will contact the Turner Foundation to discuss the PES and possible financial assistance.
- Team members will seek funding opportunities for the PES.

Inventory & Monitoring

- Analyze camera trap data sets from FPNWR and Picayune Strand - Dave Onorato
- FWC and FWS will add panther growth rate information to their websites.
- Robin will take the lead on nominating additional members to expand the "Panther Population" Subteam to form the new "Inventory & Monitoring Working Group."
- The Team will convene a stakeholder workshop to discuss how agencies determine panther population number and to seek stakeholder involvement in a panther population density study on private lands using trail cameras. Workshop tentatively scheduled for October 2014.

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.
- The Team will nominate individuals to serve on a Working Group for panther range expansion.

Recovery Criteria

- The Team will revisit the use of a target number of panthers (i.e., 240) vs. the use of demographic parameters (growth rate, survival rate, etc.) as recovery criteria.

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 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

- Team members will convene additional smaller meetings with stakeholders as a follow-up to the forum to discuss more specifics about these incentives.
- Team members will visit with willing ranchers to learn about their practices in response to one of the comment cards provided at the public forum.