

Draft Outline for Strategy to Make Hunting and Panther Recovery Compatible

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1. Review history of how panther recovery affected access to hunting
 - 1.1. Specific examples from public lands
 - 1.2. Specific examples from private lands
 - 1.3. Lessons learned
2. Develop strategies to prevent recovery from affecting access in the future
 - 2.1. Overall Access
 - 2.2. Vehicle Use
3. Summarize what is known about how panthers (or other predators [bears, coyotes, bobcats, etc.] may affect the availability of game for harvest by hunters? What information gaps do we have and how do we fill them?
 - 3.1. Information from South Florida
 - 3.2. Information from outside of South Florida (recent puma expansion into South Dakota, etc.)
 - 3.3. Current South Florida Deer Study
 - 3.4. Additional information needed
4. Identify ways for hunters to be involved in panther management
 - 4.1. Opportunities agencies can provide
5. Federal regulation, policy, and management options for improving hunting-panther recovery compatibility.
 - 5.1. Utilize tax deductions allowed for actions to recover listed species on private lands.
 - 5.2. Increase the number of prescribed fires and acreages burned on federally-managed lands.
 - 5.3. Increase funding for invasive plant management on federally-managed lands.
 - 5.4. Increase funding for invasive animal management (e.g., Burmese python) and provide opportunities for increased ORV/Airboat access on federally-managed lands to allow sportsmen to assist in managing these species.
6. State Regulation/Policy options for improving hunting-panther recovery compatibility
 - 6.1. Modify state's private land deer management program to allow increased flexibility for landowners to manage deer and panthers jointly.