

**Panther #80 Killed by Car
9 February, 2000**

Panther #80, a four year-old female, was struck and killed by a car on the Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation in the late night hours of Wednesday, February 9th. The Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation police department notified Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission personnel in the early morning hours of February 10th. Darrell responded to the call at approximately 2:00 a.m. and found the carcass of #80 on the side of a paved road that leads to Billie Swamp Safari. It appeared that #80 had only been dead a few hours. Panther #80's carcass was transported to the University of Florida's Veterinary School on Thursday morning and a necropsy was performed that afternoon. The necropsy confirmed that panther #80's death resulted from severe internal trauma caused by the collision. Panther #80 was in excellent health at the time of her death. Unfortunately, upon further examination it was discovered that #80 was pregnant with three four-week-old fetuses. The discovery of #80's pregnancy confirmed that we interrupted a reproductive pairing between #80 and #81 when we captured them on January 14th (**see 01/00 FWC Panther Capture Activities**).

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