

Female Panther Hit on Dirt Road

On July 8, 1999, a two-year old female panther was struck and killed by a vehicle on a dirt road in rural Hendry County approximately four miles east of the Hendry Correctional Institute. This is the most unusual circumstance of road kill we have seen because this road is primarily used by slow moving farm vehicles and is not usually capable of supporting high speed traffic. The roads in this area lead to orange groves and other agricultural areas. The panther was healthy at the time of death.

This area is known to be used by panthers but currently no collared panthers are in the area. However, positive sign of an uncollared male and female have been recorded in the past year.