

# MEMORANDUM



**To:** Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

**From:** Dr. Thomas Eason, Director, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

**Date:** November 16, 2016

**Subject:** Update on Panther Related Activities

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**Purpose:**

Update Commissioners on panther research and management.

**Summary:**

Staff will present updates on panther research and management efforts including information gathered through the Panther Recovery Implementation Team (PRIT) process. Staff will discuss the six focus areas provided by the commission and provide an update on associated actions, to include the following:

- populations update and ongoing work,
- research efforts,
- work on wildlife crossing on roadways,
- minimizing human-panther conflicts,
- incentives for private lands,
- habitat restoration, and
- update on the actions of the PRIT.

The presentation will also include information presented by staff of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on their programs directed to assist land owners in panther habitat.

**Staff Recommendation:**

This item is being provided for informational purposes and any guidance or direction that the Commission may provide.

**Staff Contact and/or Presenter:**

Presenter: Kipp Frohlich, Deputy Director, Division of Habitat and Species Conservation

Presenter: Erin Myers, Private Lands Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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