

Florida Panther Field Note March 2005

Captures

- Male Florida Panther #130 (FP130) dispersed from his natal range on Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest after March 2004. In August 2004 he became the 4th radiocollared panther to cross north of the Caloosahatchee River. Lately he has settled in an area between Highlands Hammock State Park and a private ranch west of Lake June In Winter in Highlands County. He was recaptured on March 10th to replace the break-away radiocollar he was wearing. He is doing very well and now weighs 137 pounds.
- FP139 was a male captured on March 31st on Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest. He had a transponder chip which identified him as K129, therefore we knew his mother was FP75 and he was born in May 2002. Now that he is part of the radiocollared population he is designated with an "FP" number. He weighed 130 pounds.



After a thorough exam FP139 will soon awake from anesthesia.

Births

- Two 12-day-old kittens, one male and one female, of FP110 were handled and marked with transponders on March 7th on Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest.
- Two female kittens from FP107's den were handled and marked with transponders on March 15th. However, it was noted that FP107 had not returned to the den site and in fact appeared to be in estrous as she was in the company of two different males. A later examination of the kittens revealed they had lost weight and the den site was not visited by FP107. The kittens were subsequently removed on March 20th and taken into permanent captivity at the Jacksonville Zoo. For more info and pictures read the press release available at this link <http://myfwc.com/whatsnew/05/statewide/pantherkittensrescued.html>