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JOURNEY OF THE ENDANGERED FLORIDA PANTHER

View clips from *Path of the Panther* to gather evidence about impacts on this endangered species and discover how people have been working to help this species survive. Then use this information to propose strategies for protection.

CLIP 1: **A Florida Highway**

1. **What two different settings are presented in this clip? Describe what you see and hear in each.**

2. **What is the primary cause of panther deaths in Florida?**

3. **Where in Florida do these panthers live?**

CLIP 2: **Threats to the Panther**

4. **How does wildlife photographer Carlton Ward Jr. describe the panther?**

5. **What is meant by this quote: "...there are so few panthers that extinction could be just around the corner"?**

6. **According to the film, what are three ways the Florida panther has been negatively impacted, causing a decrease in the population?**

CLIP 3: **Hope for Movement North**

7. **What do Brian Kelly and Carlton Ward Jr. do to try to find panthers?**

8. **Why are they eager to see a female panther in the northern Everglades?**

CLIP 4: **Attempting to Track the Panther**

9. **Why is it so difficult to track the Florida panther?**

10. **How many panthers are believed to be in the northern Everglades, north of the Caloosahatchee River?**

CLIP 5: **Panther Danger and Recovery**

11. **Why is Carlton Ward Jr. so happy, and then heartbroken, by what he sees?**

12. **What are two more threats to the panther population?**

13. **"What the panther needs, what the whole ecosystem needs, is that lifeline to the north." What do you think a "lifeline to the north" could be?**

WRAP-UP ASSIGNMENT: **What are the Solutions?**

Consider the threats to the endangered Florida panther (see your answers to questions 2, 6, and 12). What solutions are needed to reduce those threats? Create a proposal to protect the Florida panther from extinction. Present a poster that includes:

> ► The three solutions

> ► How each solution will help to reduce a threat

> ► Details about how to make the solution happen