

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 and Carlton 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 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." In the quote above, 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

