

ITEM 23:

Connecting the Habitat Dots for Florida Panther Recovery

STAFF REMARKS:

Management actions implemented over the past 30 years have helped the endangered Florida panther make strides toward recovery. However, these population gains have occurred primarily in southwest Florida, south of the Caloosahatchee River. Continued success for the Florida panther population will require an expansion of their range north of the Caloosahatchee River. The key to this range expansion and eventual recovery will require maintaining large areas of habitat and ensuring these areas are connected by conservation corridors.

DSL STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

None required

ARC RECOMMENDATION:

None required