

\$15,000 REWARD!!



The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and community partners including the Humane Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Florida Wildlife Federation, Bergeron Family of Companies, Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance, Everglades Coordinating Council and Florida Airboat Association are offering a reward of up to \$15,200 to anyone who furnishes information that leads to an arrest, criminal conviction, civil penalty assessment and/or forfeiture of property of any person(s) responsible for the death of a Florida panther, that was shot and killed recently. Its body was found April 21, 2009 in Hendry County, Fla. near the Hendry County Correctional Institute on private property bordering the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Anyone with information about the killing of this Florida panther is urged to call the USFWS's Office of Law Enforcement at **(239) 561-8144**, or to remain anonymous, they can call the FWC's toll-free Wildlife Alert Hotline at **(888) 404-3922**. Florida panthers are protected under federal law by the Endangered Species Act. They are also protected under State of Florida law. It is illegal to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect them.

