



**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406

# **MEDIA ADVISORY**

September 2, 2011

**CONTACT:**

**Rochelle Gilken**

South Florida Water Management District

Office: (561) 682-2800 or Cellular: (561) 670-1890

[www.sfwmd.gov/news](http://www.sfwmd.gov/news)

follow us on 

## **Curious Big Cat Caught on Camera at Water Control Structure** *Endangered Florida panther appears on surveillance video*



**WHAT:** A surveillance security camera mounted on a South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) water control structure captured video of an unlikely visitor: a Florida panther.

The big cats once roamed the southeastern United States, but only about 100 to 160 adult animals live today in South Florida. Florida panthers are now rarely encountered in the wild.

**WHERE:** The video was recorded this week in western Miami-Dade County on the eastern edge of Everglades National Park.

[Click here](#) to view the video.

# # #

**About the South Florida Water Management District**

*The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.*