

Board Meeting Minutes of



April 28, 2017, 8:30 AM, Santa Ana NWR conference room. Call in at (b) (5) , PIN (b) (5) .

Board members: Debralee Rodriguez, John Thaxter, Lois Hughes, Jim Chapman, Roy Robles, Sharon Slagle, Tiffany Kersten, Kelly Smith (by phone), Rick Ramke.

USFWS staff: Rob Jess.

Guests: Karen Hernandez.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

- 1.) **Sharon. 4/25/2017.** Invoice Roma for canoes. Status: Done. No response yet from Roma.
- 2.) **Debralee. 4/25/2017.** Meet with Karen and Gisela regarding vinyl patches for Salinasville, and bring recommendation back to Board. Status: No progress; Debralee will arrange to meet with Gisela.
- 3.) **Fundraising Committee. 4/25/2017.** Present recommendations for fundraising activities for seedling survivorship research site. Status: Committee hasn't met yet.
- 4.) **Debralee.** Send Doodle poll for date for above meeting. Status: Not enough responses to justify a meeting.
- 5.) **John T.** Find volunteer to work at Nature Store on weekends, especially Sunday afternoons. Status: John is working weekends at the nature store but we need more workers. John will appeal to Master Naturalists again with Kelly's help.
- 6.) **Rob.** Check on agreements with CBP regarding access to FWS tract south of Hidalgo Pumphouse. Status: No such agreement exists.

New Action Items

Kelly and John will work together to appeal to Master Naturalists to volunteer in the Nature Store.

Agenda Topics

Apologies

None

Guest Introductions and Announcements

None

Votes

- Approved: Minutes of previous meeting's minutes.
- Approved: \$100 for lunch for the Boy Scout/FWC plant sale, May 20.

- Approved: Donate 500 plants to Texan by Nature PSJA project.
- To be voted via email: \$250 for refreshments, June 3 Family Day at SANWR.

Financial Report

No items of concern.

Nature Store Report

Karen reported that sales total in March 2017 was about \$11,000. (Sales total in March 2016 was about \$14,000.)

USFWS Staff Report, STRC, Rob

- Celebration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of SANWR will be held in 2018. Sharon will apply for a \$500 grant to support the event.
- June 3, 2017 is Family Day at SANWR. Bryan is asking for \$250 for refreshments. Sharon will send an email vote.
- Gisela asked Rick to look into Google Ads for the STRC.
- Texan by Nature is supporting a PSJA initiative to encourage other school districts to become certified schoolyard habitat districts. The project was selected as the 2017 Conservation Wrangler (<http://texanbynature.org/programs/conservation-wrangler/>), and an event will be held November 8 or 9, 2017.
- STRC now has a Twitter account. Please share any information with Gisela to be posted via Twitter.
- Hidalgo County Precinct 2 will be pursuing construction of a hike-and-bike trail to connect PSJA to SANWR.
- Gisela will share weekly Urban updates on Mondays.
- A border wall national meeting was held yesterday, 4/27/17, at SANWR. A border wall proposal will be publicized next week.
- The Complex will be more strategic in future regarding winter volunteers, which will probably result in fewer volunteers. All volunteers will be housed at Marinoff. Sharon asked Rob if the FWC need for FWS volunteers in the Nature Store was considered. He said no but that he will make sure that such volunteers will be made available to us.
- Rob has asked Bryan and Gisela to review SANWR tram costs and benefits.

Committee Reports: Communications, chair Rick

Sales through our online store are continuing. Rick and our website provider are working on an issue with the USPS plugin to make the shipping charges realistic.

Committee Reports: Fundraising, chair Debralee

The committee hasn't met, but they are interested in working with Bryan on a walk/run fundraising event.

Committee Reports: Government Relations, chair Jim

Jim asked Rob about Friends advocacy that could be controversial (such as border fence/wall issues). Rob asked that he be kept informed on any such efforts.

Committee Reports: Grants, chair Sharon

- The Boy Scout/FWC plant sale will be May 20. Sharon asked for a vote to provide \$100 for lunch for the event; this was approved.
- Sharon signed an agreement with the Student Conservation Association for a 26-week intern to assist Kim in the re-veg program. Funding comes from the seedling account.

- Sharon met with Bryan and Richard Moore on the video on Sal del Rey funded by FWS with funds administered by FWC.
- Sharon is working with Gisela on funding plans for a project to replicate PSJA's schoolyard district model to additional districts (the Texan by Nature project mentioned above). FWC will administer the funds. Sharon asked for a **vote** to donate to the project 500 plants from our 1,500-plant allocation for administering the seedling account; the donation was **approved**.
- American Forest will contribute an extra \$10,000 to STRC reforestation in 2018 based on their recent contest.

Committee Reports: Land Acquisition, chair Rick

CBP and the Corps of Engineers wants to rebuild an overgrown boat ramp on our property near El Calaboz. Rick is negotiating with them and will report on the results at the next meeting.

Committee Reports: Volunteer Coordination, chair John T.

John T. will work with Kelly to contact Master Naturalists again to solicit volunteer help in the nature store.

New Business

Tiffany described the environmental impact of balloons released into the environment; see <https://balloonsblow.org/>. The SPI Lantern Fest on May 10 will be just such a release. This FB group is pushing back: SPI Against Lantern Festival.

Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

8:30 AM SANWR conference room

Adjournment

9:40 AM

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Draft Minutes, 4/28/17 FWC Board Mtg

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Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>

From: Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>
Sent: Fri Apr 28 2017 18:05:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Bob Powell <(b) (6)>, Debralee Rodriguez <(b) (6)>, Jim Chapman <(b) (6)>, John McClung <(b) (6)>, John Thaxter <(b) (6)>, Kelly Smith <(b) (6)>, Lois Hughes <(b) (6)>, Roy Robles <(b) (6)>
To: Sharon Slagle <(b) (6)>, Tiffany Kersten <(b) (6)>, Victoria Cappadona <(b) (6)>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>, Friends of the Wildlife Corridor <info@friendsofthewildlifecorridor.org>, Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
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Attached are the draft minutes of today's meeting.

Thanks.
Rick



U.S. Customs and
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**U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP)
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
Rio Grande Valley (RGV) Border Wall System/Enforcement Zone Project**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017
10:00 AM (Central) – 11:30 AM (Central)**

**Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge
3325 Green Jay, Alamo, TX 78516**

AGENDA:

9:45

DOI Starts Conference Line

- (b) (5) Conference code: (b) (5)

10:00 – 10:15

CBP: Border Wall System Program Background

- Executive Order
- U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) RGV FY17

10:15 – 10:30

CBP: Border Wall System Project Overview

- Location, Scope, & Anticipated Schedule
- Planning Activities (Real Estate/Records Property Research)

10:30 – 11:00

CBP & USFWS: Project Coordination

- Recap of Meeting with DOI
- Project Coordination Process
- Current Coordination Efforts
- Benefits of Border Wall System
- Communications Path Forward

11:00 – 11:15

USFWS Questions & Concerns

11:15 – 11:30

CBP: Action Items & Next Steps



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CBP Attendees:

- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Director, Border Patrol & Air and Marine Program Management Office (BPAM PMO)
- (b) (6), (b) (7) Environmental Branch Chief, BPAM PMO
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Division Chief, RGV Sector, USBP
- (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Communications Director, RGV Sector, USBP

DOI Attendees:

- Rob Jess, Refuge Manager
- Ernesto Reyes, USFWS

IBWC Attendees:

- Juan Uribe, Area Operations Manager
- Francisco Martinez, Assistant Area Operations Manager

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From: "Andrew, Jonathan" <jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Wed Apr 26 2017 06:03:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Joy Nicholopoulos <joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>, Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Subject: Agenda for Tomorrows meeting
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CC: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Agenda for Tomorrows meeting

Thanks Jon-
See you soon,
Joy

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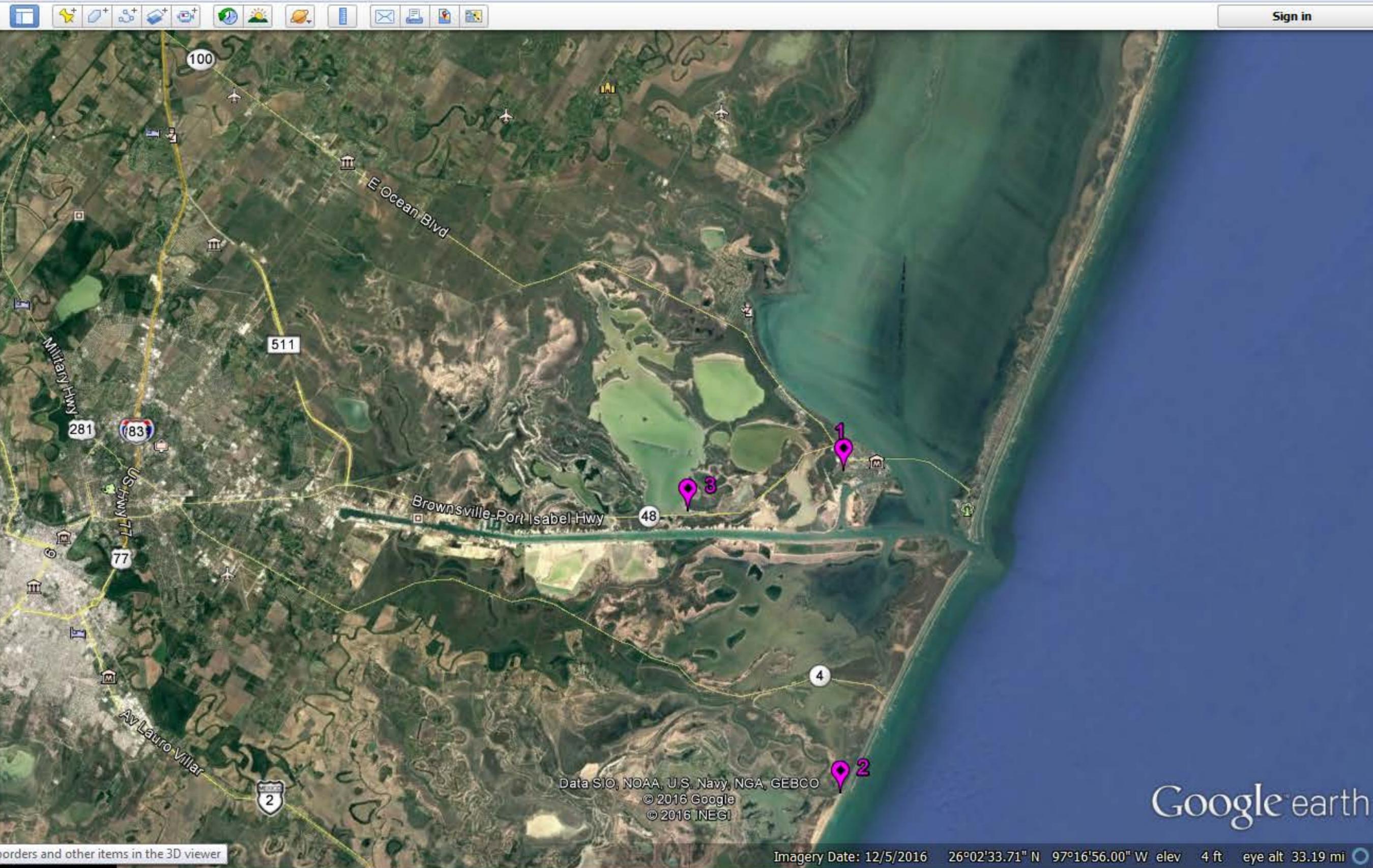
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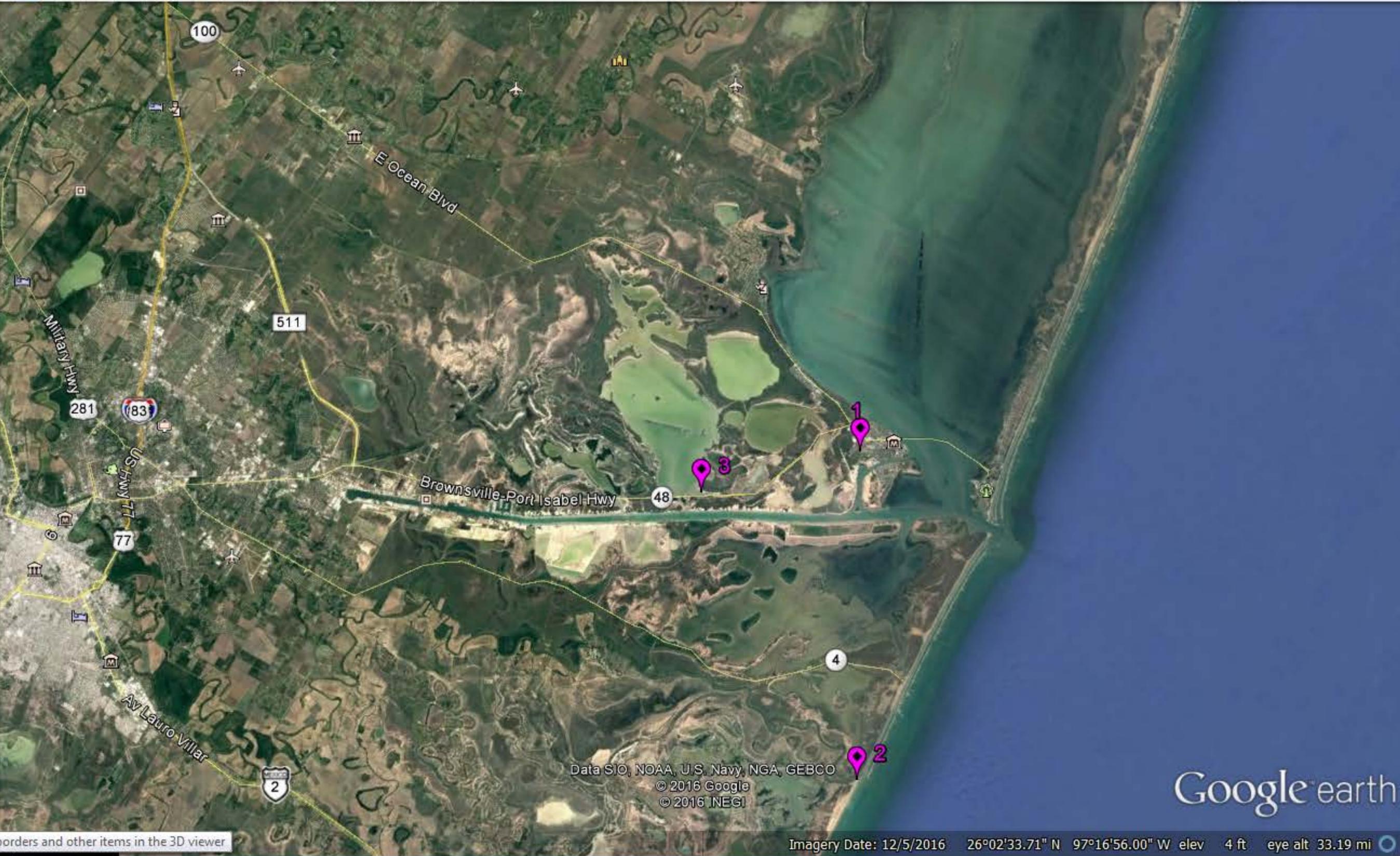
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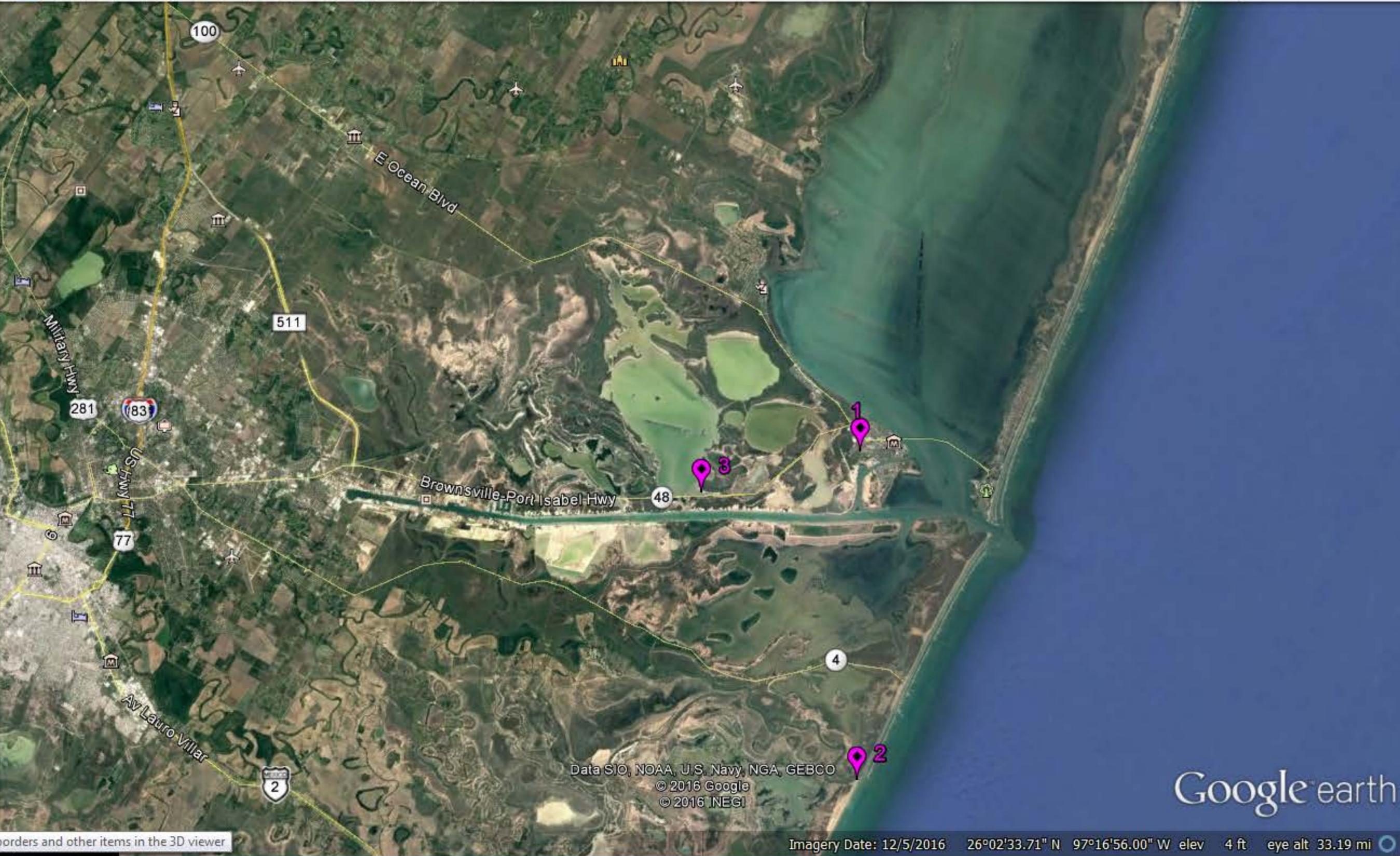
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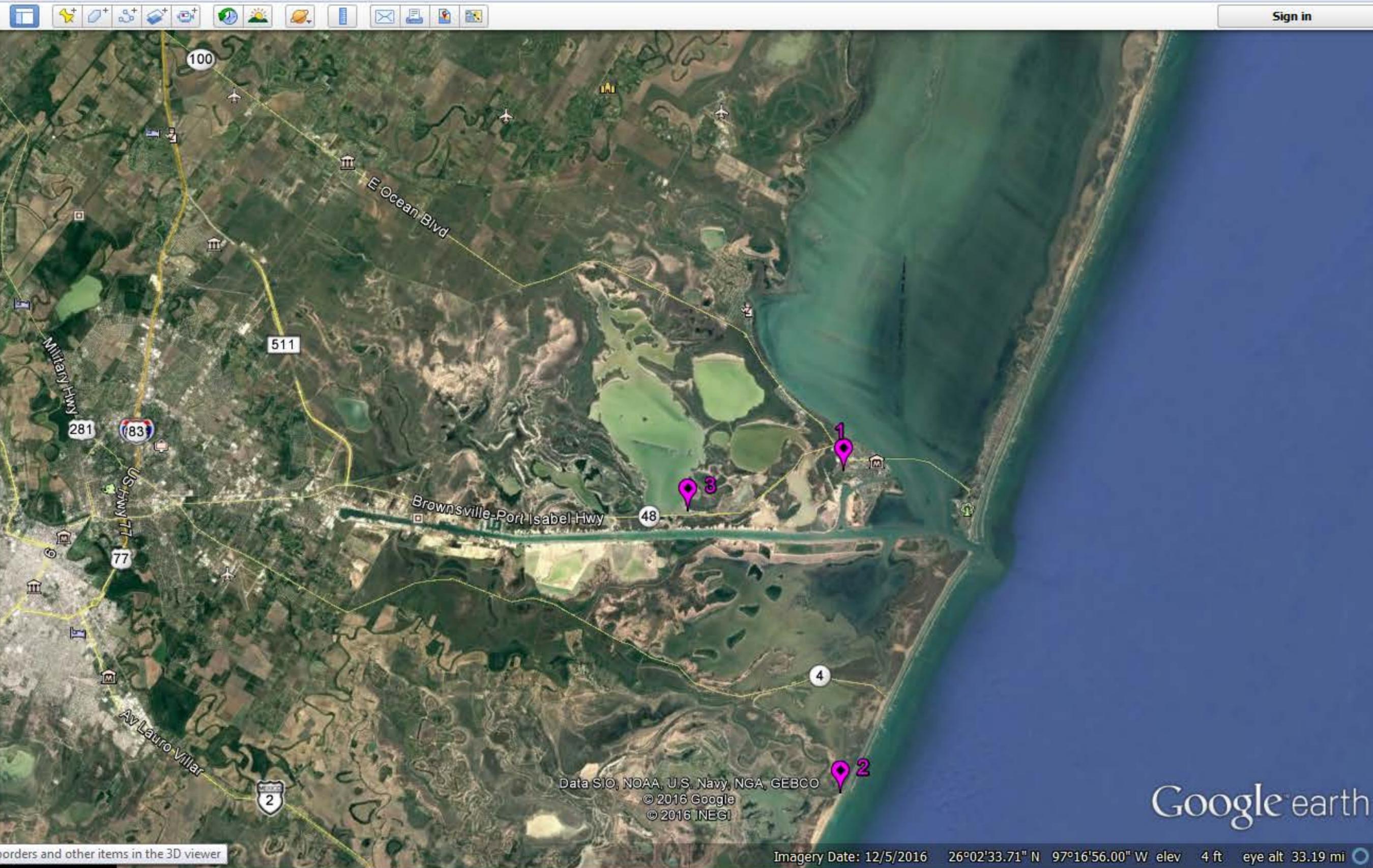
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From: Boyd Blihovde <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Mar 16 2017 20:30:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: William Spoon <william.spoon@restorethegulf.gov>
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To: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
CC: Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: RESTORE Meeting Conference Call

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CC:
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latest tally I have is below.

Mouth of the Rio Grande Tour and Bahia Grande tour (all asked to be on both)

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Call-in: Victoria Cappadona.

Action Items from Previous Meeting

1. **Rob. 3/7/2017.** Send Sharon points to include in letter to incoming DOI secretary and appropriate Congressional leaders regarding border fence.
2. **Fundraising Committee. 3/28/2017.** Present recommendations for fundraising.
3. **Bob, Lois.** Follow up with the City of Roma regarding purchase of Friends' canoes and equipment for \$1,500. Resolution: Roma City Council will purchase canoes for \$1500. Sharon will send invoice.

New Action Items

- 1.) **Sharon. 4/25/2017.** Invoice Roma for canoes.
- 2.) **Debralee. 4/25/2017.** Meet with Karen and Gisela regarding vinyl patches for Salinasville, and bring recommendation back to Board.
- 3.) **Fundraising Committee. 4/25/2017.** Present recommendations for fundraising activities for seedling survivorship research site.
- 4.) **Lois.** Send Sharon proposed agenda for meeting in April to discuss information from 2016 national Friends training.
- 5.) **Debralee.** Send Doodle poll for date for above meeting.
- 6.) **John T.** Find volunteer to work at Nature Store on weekends, especially Sunday afternoons.
- 7.) **Rob.** Check on agreements with CBP regarding access to FWS tract south of Hidalgo Pumphouse.

Agenda Topics

Apologies

Bryan Winton

Guest Introductions and Announcements

None

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved

Financial Report

No items of concern.

Nature Store Report

Karen reported that store sales total in February 2017 (including Coastal Expo and online sales) was \$14,596. Sales total in February 2016 were \$17,300. Volunteers who have been working weekends for Karen are leaving; Karen solicited help for weekend work for the off-season.

USFWS Staff Report, STRC, Rob

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USFWS Staff Report, SANWR, Gisela

- The Urban Transportation Initiative meeting was held to discuss how to overcome barriers to visitation at SANWR. Among the ideas discussed were bus and hike-and-bike transportation and marketing.
- 21 students attended the photo workshop.
- SANWR had >1,400 visitors during spring break.
- Raul hosted a field trip to SANWR for Capt. D. Salinas Elementary in Donna. The students run a "minitropolis" (Salinasville) with a wildlife refuge, including student park rangers (first through fifth grade). Gisela requested that FWC buy patches for their uniforms.

Committee Reports: Land Acquisition, chair Rick

FWC properties to be sold to USFWS have been surveyed but not appraised. New FWS guidelines require further title work; the current title policies attached to the deeds are not sufficient. FWS needs bids on title services. FWS has no money for this work currently due to the continuing resolution (no budget) and expected budget cut of at least 10% after April 28. Staff complications also have delayed work. The amount of money required to buy the properties is unknown until appraisals happen. Money is expected to come from emergency in-holding funds, but this is not guaranteed. Yvette (Region 2 Realty) will proceed with work, when possible, on individual properties; that is, FWC won't insist on selling all properties at once.

Committee Reports: Fundraising, chair Debralee

None

Committee Reports: Grants, chair Sharon

Seedling bids were sent to 11 growers; 4 responded. No update on NFWF grant application to redo Sal del Rey video.

Committee Reports: Communications, chair Rick

Newsletter will be posted first week of April. Send articles and photos to Rick at (b) (6). Thank you to Gisela and Alyssa (intern) for articles. Rick will add SANWR Calendar of Events to the FWC website.

Committee Reports: Volunteer Coordination, chair John T.

None

New Business

- Tiffany described a field trip to an FWS tract south of the Hidalgo Pumphouse. The tract has trails that are not maintained. Tiffany will send the Board information on any future similar events.
- Lois requested a 4-hour meeting in which Lois, Debralee, and Victoria will present information they learned from the national Friends training.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

8:30 AM SANWR conference room

Adjournment

9:58 AM

Call in at (b) (5) , PIN (b) (5) .

Label: "Border Fence"

Created by:robert_jess@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:672 (227 conversations)

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Conversation Contents

Draft minutes, 3/28/17 FWC board meeting

Attachments:

/177. Draft minutes, 3/28/17 FWC board meeting/1.1 032817 draft minutes.pdf

Richard Ramke <rwramke@gmail.com>

From: Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>
Sent: Wed Mar 29 2017 15:02:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Bob Powell <(b) (6)>, Debralee Rodriguez <(b) (6)>, Jim Chapman <(b) (6)>, John McClung <(b) (6)>, John Thaxter <(b) (6)>, Kelly Smith <(b) (6)>, Lois Hughes <(b) (6)>, Roy Robles <(b) (6)>, Sharon Slagle <(b) (6)>, Tiffany Kersten <(b) (6)>, Victoria Cappadona <(b) (6)>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>, Friends of the Wildlife Corridor <info@friendsofthewildlifecorridor.org>, Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
To:
Subject: Draft minutes, 3/28/17 FWC board meeting
Attachments: 032817 draft minutes.pdf

Attached are minutes of the 3/28/17 FWC board meeting.

Rick

Label: "Border Patrol/Border Patrol FOIA 2017 (2)"

Created by:bryan_winton@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:233 (49 conversations)

Created: 09-25-2017 at 06:39 AM

Conversation Contents

Re: Meeting tomorrow on wall design

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 24 2017 12:36:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Andrew, Jonathan" <jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Meeting tomorrow on wall design

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Calendar (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Date: 25 July 2017

Afternoon Meeting

Time: 13:00 [Central Time]

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Headquarters

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Conversation Contents

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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thu May 25 2017 14:50:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, "Edler, Scot" <scot_edler@fws.gov>
Subject: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
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Sent: Thu May 25 2017 15:22:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Thu May 25 2017 15:41:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
CC: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Scot Edler <scot_edler@fws.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
Attachments: image001.jpg image002.jpg

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From: Winton, Bryan [mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 4:23 PM
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @CBP.DHS.GOV>
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Sent: Thu May 25 2017 15:43:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>
Subject: Re: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
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Fixing the road on private property is probably another issue. We would have the right to maintain egress/ingress, but depends on what type of improvements you are going to do. Probably should get landowner permission to do work on the road. I'll try to find out who the landowner is there. I met with them before 3-4 years ago

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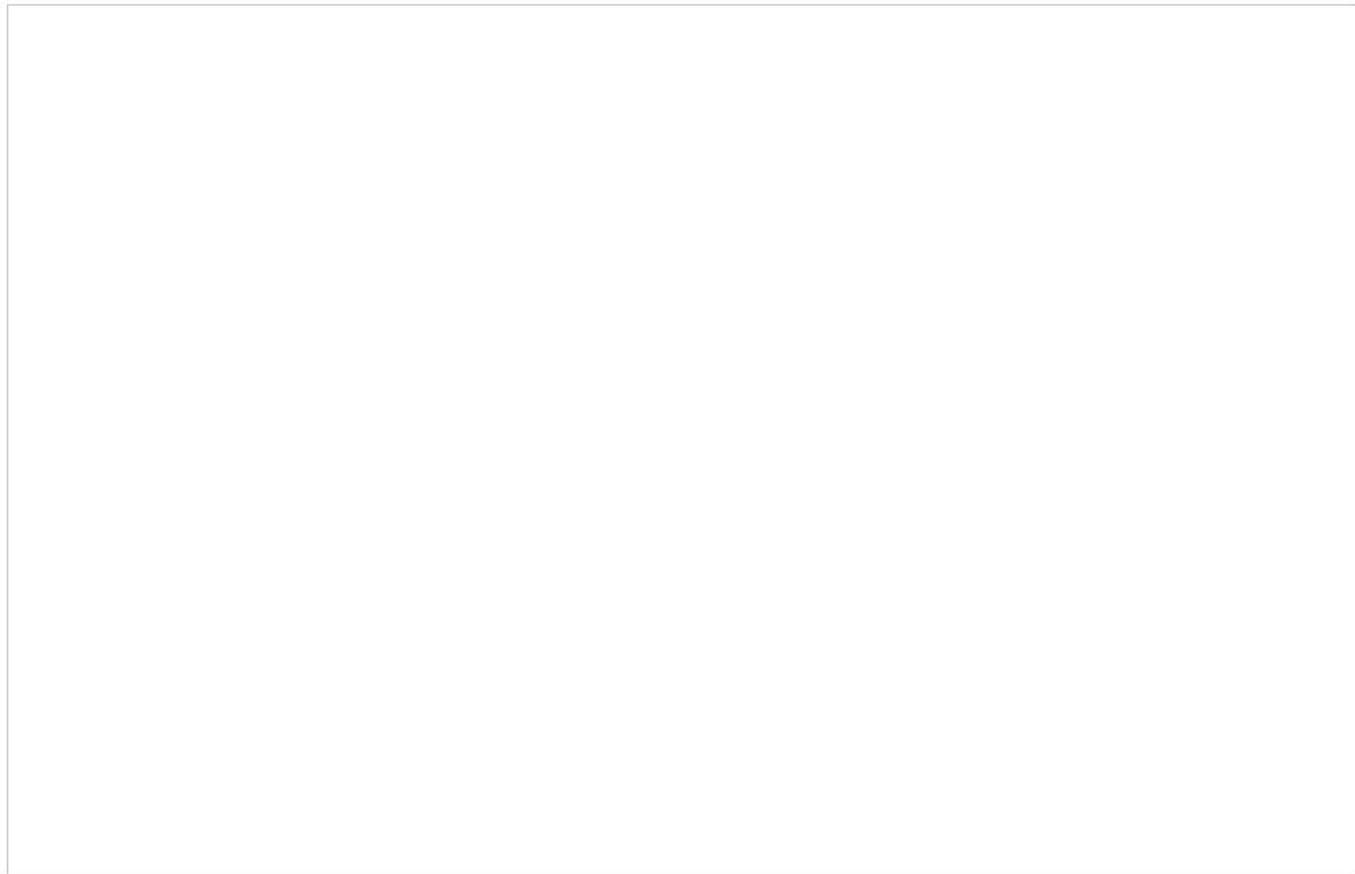
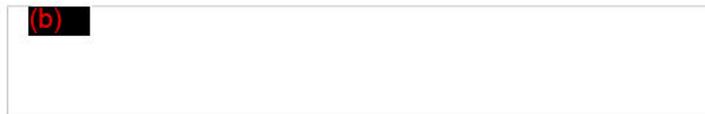


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From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu May 25 2017 15:45:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Christine Donald <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
Attachments: image002.jpg image001.jpg

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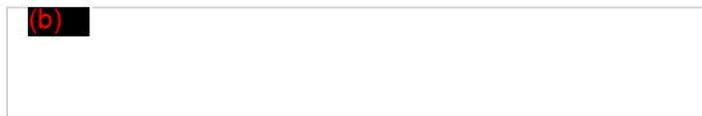
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"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu May 25 2017 16:05:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
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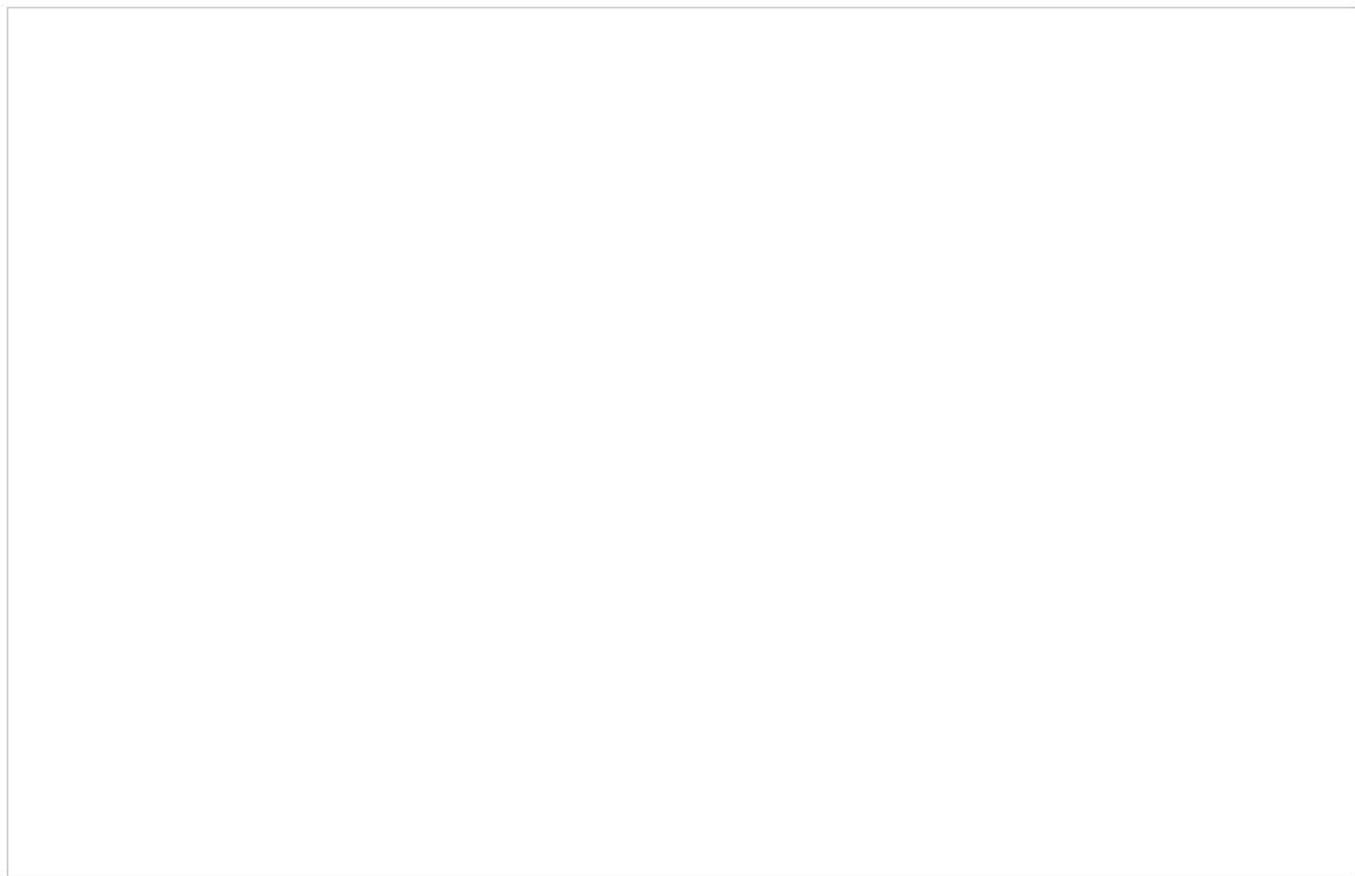


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Scot Edler <scot_edler@fws.gov>

From: Scot Edler <scot_edler@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri May 26 2017 07:06:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov
CC: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov
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Scot

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From: Scot Edler [mailto:scot_edler@fws.gov]
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), in the past your contractor has needed a right of entry to cross private land to access our property. To fix the access road you should probably check with Tom in reality.

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Here you go Bryan

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From: **Cris salinas** <csalinas@cityofroma.net>
Date: Fri, May 26, 2017 at 1:10 PM

Subject: RE: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
To: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

The owner of the north tract is (b) (6) and can be reached at (b) (6). Chris can you send me the list of birds that can be found at the Roma's Birding Buffs.

Thank you,

Crisanto Salinas, City Manager

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P.O. Box 947
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Ph. (956) 849-1411
Fax (956) 849-3963

From: Donald, Christine [mailto:christine_donald@fws.gov]
Sent: Thursday, May 25, 2017 5:10 PM
To: Cris salinas

Subject: Fwd: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek

Greetings!!! Bryan asked me to forward this to you and see if you can find the landowner on Los Negros Creek tract. Hope you are well. Thank you.

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Date: Thu, May 25, 2017 at 4:45 PM
Subject: Fwd: Possible Easement from FM 650 to Los Negros Creek
To: Christine Donald <christine_donald@fws.gov>

Can you send this to Chris Salinas in Roma and find out if he can tell us who the landowner is on the north side of our Los Negros Creek tract. I met with them several years ago when they cleared the brush in preparation of a subdivision to be constructed. Can't find the paperwork of who the landowner was then. May have changed. Thanks
bryan

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Monday, May 15, 2017

Accomplishments for May 8-12, 2017:

El Morillo Banco Tract – wetland vegetation management – Charles/Dozer – equipment problems
AEP Electric Line establishment – coordination (Trey) – Ted Hunt Road
Boca Chica Cable Fence Project (re: Space-X) – distance, length, materials, map, assembling cost estimates
Texas Boll Weevil – Ed Rivera - contractors sprayed Yturria Brush Tract (Malathion) – insect kill
Santa Ana NWR – 75 5th Graders – May 8
El Tecolote Tract – site visit by Imer/Chris P – status of game fence/cattle – called Jr. (3 cows to remove)
Tahuachal Banco – Ranchito caliche materials staging area – prepped for deliveries: May 15, 2017
Tahuachal Banco – site visit by Sonny, Joe, Dick Lanford – May 9
MOVAC – Mike Flanagan (956) 682-6381 – cleanup at La Sal del Rey (electric line; PVC, pipe, trash)
PR – Richard Moore La Sal del Rey video – submitted to Sonny for forwarding to RO
Phillips Banco Stormwater Project – met with City of Brownsville May 9; site visit w/Biologists May 10
Chicharra Banco Tract – road measurements for Robert Baca (Trey/Scot)
Cooperative Farmer Kenny Wilkins – paid annual farming rent
Troy Allen, Delta Lake Irrigation District – land for sale (600 acres; La Sal Vieja)
Santa Ana Cleaning Contractor – powerwash Breezeway (monthly component of cleaning contract)
Staff & Safety Meeting – Maintenance has lead; MADD presentation for Safety Topic – May 10
Hurricane Meeting for Program Leads – May 10
Intern John Downey – to arrive June 1 – changed research project (not Cattle Fever Tick related)
IBWC Monthly Meeting – CBP presentation, Irrigation District Managers present, Sally Spener – IBWC
South Padre Island Lantern Festival – meeting with citizens @ Convention Center, 6pm, May 10
El Tecolote Tract – Junior called to inform me he has removed the last 3 remaining cattle; notified LE
- Garza cattle (ranch manager/tick rider – Andy Esparza) – needs to be contacted to remove trespass cattle
Boca Chica cable fence – site visit by Scot (30' spacing)
2017-2018 LRGV NWR Hunt Regulations – updated and finalized for TPWD website (Imer)
SUP – Phillips Banco Tract – wetland work; stormwater ditch maintenance
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Coordinated with Robert Baca, Engineering – re: Chicharra Banco Road DM “Contract” – agreement
Santa Ana RPI – needs annual accountability verified (weapons, computers, vehicles, equipment, etc)
CD Revisions – Chris Perez making significant progress
Level 1 Survey (redone) for Zarate Thomas 1,800-acre Tract (Laguna Atascosa)
Arroyo Ramirez Tract – CBP contractor to begin road repairs at Arroyo Ramirez
Office cleaning/reorganization
April 18-20 – NEPA Training: Rob, Gisela, BW, Trey Petty III, Scot Edler
BW – EPAP Mid-Year completed by Rob Jess, PL (Supervisor)
Taylor Boat Ramp (Los Ebanos Tract, LRGV NWR) – request by CBP to excavate material/stockpile dirt
- email from Scot/Bryan providing for clarification
Meeting with PL Rob Jess – ES/Refuges to “stand down” on sensitive topics: Border fence, LNG, oil and gas
MPO Brownsville – BW notified MPO Director to alert Gisela Chapa, Urban Refuge POC – for future mtgs.
Jeronimo Banco – Quarantine Release documentation – signed/returned by BW
DM Road – Pate Bend – Joe/Scot Edler – site visit to determine additional road work needed
GIS Shapefiles – to Power Engineers (consulting) regarding transmission line
Hog Trapper Screening Criteria ; Public Notice (Draft) – Imer Dela Garza
Notified VLF Director Debra Lee Rodriguez – Power Engineers project on VLF Easement (north of Santa Ana)
Phillips Banco Tract – meeting with City of Brownsville (BW) – Stormwater canal maintenance needed
La Gloria Tract – adjacent Tower company – surveying access into refuge (Trey Petty investigated)

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Apomado Falcon – Ecological Services Co-Lead, Chris Perez – meeting w/Tim Anderson – April 3
Volunteers, Kurt & Virginia Neville, LRGV – depart
CBP Bicycle Training – held at Santa Ana week of April 3-6, 2017 (picnic area, maintenance area, etc.)
Monthly Project Leader Conference Call with SW Region (2) Leadership – April 3
Rob Jess/BW – tour/site visit to Boca Chica, Bahia Grande (trial run for RESTORE Council tour)
Request by Refuge Supervisor McDowell – Oil & Gas Related Endangered Species impacts (Schalaben)
Scot Edler – Tahuachal Banco – materials delivery to Ranchito – contract to Regional Office
Cleaning Contract @ Santa Ana NWR – BW/Dina – meet with Contractor – April 4
RESTORE Council Tour – Boca Chica, mouth of Rio Grande, Border Fence, Bahia Grande – April 5
Ernesto/Scot Edler – tour with Jon Andrew, DOI – Starr County tracts
BMTF Agenda – prepared/routed by BW
Chicharro Banco Tract, LRGV – Contract details compiled and routed by Scot Edler to RO
Santa Ana – PSJA Bench Project – Trey Petty and Imer Dela Garza (and Maintenance staff)
Mid-Year EPAP evaluations – Scot Edler, Chris Perez
Border Management Task Force (BMTF) – Weslaco Station; Jon Andrew, Kelly McDowell present
Spectra Energy Valley Crossing Project – Conference Call 1-2:30pm – April 7
- Biological Monitor recommendation/request – JD Cortez (info provided)
Media Contact – Elizabeth Miller, Backpacker Magazine – request for details on opportunities on LRGV NWR

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Santa Ana RPI – needs annual accountability verified (weapons, computers, vehicles, equipment, etc)

CD Revisions – Chris Perez making significant progress

Level 1 Survey (redone) for Zarate Thomas 1,800-acre Tract (Laguna Atascosa)

Arroyo Ramirez Tract – CBP contractor to begin road repairs at Arroyo Ramirez

Office cleaning/reorganization

April 18-20 – NEPA Training: Rob, Gisela, BW, Trey Petty III, Scot Edler

BW – EPAP Mid-Year completed by Rob Jess, PL (Supervisor)

Taylor Boat Ramp (Los Ebanos Tract, LRGV NWR) – request by CBP to excavate material/stockpile dirt

- email from Scot/Bryan providing for clarification

Meeting with PL Rob Jess – ES/Refuges to “stand down” on sensitive topics: Border fence, LNG, oil and gas

MPO Brownsville – BW notified MPO Director to alert Gisela Chapa, Urban Refuge POC – for future mtgs.

Jeronimo Banco – Quarantine Release documentation – signed/returned by BW

DM Road – Pate Bend – Joe/Scot Edler – site visit to determine additional road work needed

GIS Shapefiles – to Power Engineers (consulting) regarding transmission line

Hog Trapper Screening Criteria ; Public Notice (Draft) – Imer Dela Garza

Notified VLF Director Debra Lee Rodriguez – Power Engineers project on VLF Easement (north of Santa Ana)

Phillips Banco Tract – meeting with City of Brownsville (BW) – Stormwater canal maintenance needed

La Gloria Tract – adjacent Tower company – surveying access into refuge (Trey Petty investigated)

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Last 2 weeks of accomplishments/activities.

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Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

Description

Along the banks of the lower Rio Grande is the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, a 2,088 acre refuge established in 1943 for the protection of migratory birds. Considered the “jewel” of the national wildlife refuge system, this essential ‘island’ of old-growth riparian and thorn forest habitat is home to nearly 400 different types of birds and a myriad of other species, including the indigo snake, malachite butterfly, and the colorful green jay.

At an ecological crossroads, Santa Ana is strategically located where subtropical climate, gulf coast, great plains and Chihuahuan desert meet. Thousands of birds from the Central and Mississippi flyways funnel through the area on their way to and from Central and South America. This small patch of midvalley riparian woodland is also habitat for about one half of all butterfly species found in the United States. Before the dams and control structures significantly reduced the flow of the Rio Grande, periodic floods cut shifting channels into the delta creating crescent-shaped oxbow lakes, referred as ‘resacas’. Santa Ana’s management program mimics the historical flooding of the Rio Grande, maintaining the bottom land hardwood forest and providing crucial nesting and feeding habitat for birds, watering holes for animals, and homes for countless amphibians, reptiles, crustaceans and insects.

With over 95% of the original habitat in the lower Rio Grande delta cleared or altered, Santa Ana is a reminder of the semitropical thorn forest that once dominated the area. As such, Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge plays a critical role in the public education and awareness of the beauty and value of the lower Rio Grande Valley by offering high quality wildlife dependent recreation and advancing urban refuge partnerships that foster a sense of environmental stewardship in the residents of the Rio Grande Valley.

Area Economy

Santa Ana NWR is located in southern Texas. Table 0-1 shows the area economy. The area population increased by 23 percent from 2004 to 2014, compared with a 20 percent increase for Texas and a 9 percent increase for the U.S. as a whole. Area employment increased by 31 percent, with Texas showing a 26 percent increase and the U.S. a 10 percent increase. Per capita income in the area increased by 12 percent, while Texas and the U.S. increased by 17 and 7 percent respectively.

Table 0-1. Santa Ana NWR: Summary of Area Economy, 2014

(Population & Employment in 000's; Per Capita Income in 2015 dollars)

County	Population		Employment		Per Capita Income	
	2014	Percent change 2004-2014	2014	Percent change 2004-2014	2014	Percent change 2004-2014
Cameron, TX	420.4	15%	188.8	23%	\$25,241	12%
Hidalgo, TX	831.1	27%	345.3	36%	\$23,781	12%
Area Total	1,251	23%	534	31%	\$24,272	12%
Texas	26,957.0	20%	15,981.8	26%	\$45,723	17%
United States	318,857.1	9%	185,798.8	10%	\$46,104	7%

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce February 2016.

Activity Levels

Table 4-47 shows the recreation visits for Santa Ana NWR. The Refuge had about 202,000 visits in 2015. Seventy-six percent of visitors are non-residents. Interpretation includes guided walks, seasonal tram, bird walks, nature walks, and others.

Table 4-2. Santa Ana NWR: 2015 Recreation Visits

Activity	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
Non-Consumptive:			
Pedestrian	30,355	70,829	101,184
Auto Tour	0	0	0
Boat Trail/Launch	0	0	0
Bicycle	0	0	0
Interpretation	600	1,400	2,000
Photography	1,702	9,643	11,345
Other Recreation	2,125	375	2,500
Visitor Center	12,690	71,910	84,600
Hunting:			
Big Game	0	0	0
Small Game	0	0	0
Migratory Birds	0	0	0
Fishing:	0	0	0
Total Visitation	47,472	154,157	201,629

Regional Economic Analysis

The economic area for the Refuge is Cameron and Hidalgo Counties in Texas. It is assumed that visitor expenditures occur primarily within these counties. Visitor recreation expenditures for 2015 are shown in Table 4-48. Total expenditures were \$4.1 million with non-residents accounting for \$3.6 million or 89 percent of total expenditures.

Table 4-49 summarizes the local economic effects associated with recreation visits. Final demand totaled \$6.0 million with associated employment of 51 jobs, \$1.2 million in employment income and \$892,000 in total tax revenue.

Table 4-3. Santa Ana NWR: Visitor Recreation Expenditures (2015 \$,000)

Activity	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
Non-Consumptive	\$461.5	\$3,593.6	\$4,055.2
Hunting	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Fishing	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
Total Expenditures	\$461.5	\$3,593.6	\$4,055.2

Table 4-4. Santa Ana NWR: Local Economic Effects Associated with Recreation Visits (2015 \$,000)

	Residents	Non-Residents	Total
Final Demand	\$690.8	\$5,328.1	\$6,018.9
Jobs	6	45	51
Job Income	\$141.2	\$1,042.6	\$1,183.8
Total Tax Revenue	\$105.9	\$786.5	\$892.4

Refuge Expenditures

Santa Ana NWR spent \$577,000 on local operations and maintenance in FY2015. Sixty-one percent (61%) of this funding is spent on salaries. Employee benefits are paid to the Social Security administration, insurance companies and other entities outside the refuge area so \$118,500 in benefits flowed out of the regional economy.

Table 4-7. Santa Ana NWR: Expenditures for fiscal year 2015.

	Dollars	Percent
<i>Local Expenditures</i>		
Payroll	353,985	61.3%
Non-Payroll		
Transportation of People	-	0.0%
Transportation of Things	-	0.0%
Communications	56,426	9.8%
Utilities	74,537	12.9%
Contracts	27,019	4.7%

Building Repairs & Rental	1,779	0.3%
Equipment Maintenance	1,402	0.2%
Supplies and Material	36,186	6.3%
Motor Vehicle Fuel	36	0.0%
Equipment	25,860	4.5%
Construction	-	0.0%
Non-Payroll Sub-Total	223,246	
Local Sub-Total	577,231	100.0%
Non-Local Expenditures		
Employee Benefits	118,517	
Air Travel	-	
Non-Local Contracts	-	
Real Property	-	
Grants	21,047	
Non-Local Sub-Total	139,564	
Refuge Total	716,795	

Table 4-8 shows \$577,200 of spending had a direct effect on local final demand. About \$242,000 became compensation for local workers in 6.8 jobs.

Multipliers provide a measure of impacts that can be used to estimate the impacts of future spending and for comparison among regions. The final demand multiplier for spending in the region is 1.39. That is every dollar spent generates \$1.39 in the local economy. The employment multiplier is 11.8 jobs per \$1 million. So every million dollars of spending for the refuge generates about 12 jobs in the community.

Table 4-8. Santa Ana NWR Economic Impacts of Refuge Expenditures (2015 \$)

	Final Demand		Job Income		Jobs	
	Direct	Total	Direct	Total	Direct	Total
Agriculture	-	600	-	100	-	-
Mining	-	1,800	-	200	-	-
Construction	-	5,100	-	600	-	-
Manufacturing	25,500	29,400	1,400	1,800	-	-
Utilities	115,500	163,700	9,800	15,000	0.2	0.3
Trade	36,200	68,800	11,700	19,800	0.4	0.7
Service	30,300	154,600	2,500	32,900	0.1	1.4
Government	369,700	380,900	169,300	171,300	4.4	4.4
Total	577,200	804,900	194,700	241,700	5.1	6.8
Multiplier		1.39		0.42		11.8

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the draft banking on nature report is below. There should be a final copy but I still have not received it.

Thanks,

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Yes, I will reply.

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From: "McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jan 26 2017 08:02:13 GMT-0700 (MST)
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Kelly

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To: Kelly McDowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Thomas Harvey <thomas_harvey@fws.gov>

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Subject: Fwd: KVUE Inquiry Cameras on Federal Land
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Don Wilhelm <Don_Wilhelm@fws.gov>

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To: "[Lesli Gray@fws.gov](mailto:Lesli_Gray@fws.gov)" <Lesli_Gray@fws.gov>

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By the way, we've done a couple stories with Erica Proffer before. She was good to work with. Her stories are not slanted or in bad taste. I think she did a segment on border wall impacts before too that came out good.

bryan

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I called Beth back. No story here. Media inquiry on whether State of Texas has asked or is deploying cameras on our lands. Answer is "no". I did tell her we may have been approached by TxDOT to do camera monitoring but that would be a Laguna Atascosa NWR answer. She didn't think that is what they are wanting to know about.

It appears that DPS and other State Officer have made statements that camera technology is aiding in addressing border issues. I informed Beth CBP and their special ops units do have approval to do cameras on our lands. We do not require a SUP and we may or may not know exactly how many and where they are at any given time. I told her that was most likely where state officers first saw footage at CBP meetings of cameras on our lands and/or elsewhere, but the bottom line is we have not been approached by the state to deploy cameras on our lands.

bryan

On Thu, Feb 2, 2017 at 1:55 PM, Ullenberg, Beth <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov> wrote:
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This reporter had a follow up question. Does our response still hold true? You can give me a call if you would like. 505/248-6638
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Initial Inquiry Response:

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Hi, Lesli.

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On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 1:08 PM, Winton, Bryan <bryan_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

Whew! What a relief!
bryan

On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 2:07 PM, Maestas, Aislinn <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov> wrote:
Oh darn. Thanks for the update and for willing to help out!

On Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 1:02 PM, Winton, Bryan <bryan_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

FYI. Fox 2 News Media Hannah McKenzie cancelled on the site visit to Santa Ana NWR today.
bryan

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From: **Sonny Perez** <sonny_perez@fws.gov>

Date: Fri, Oct 20, 2017 at 9:49 AM
Subject: Re: Request for interview tomorrow
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

Bryan,

Thank you for coordinating this.

Sonny

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 20, 2017, at 9:11 AM, Winton, Bryan <bryan_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

En route to UTRGV Edinburg campus yesterday at 4:30pm I received a call from Kelly informing me that RO received a media inquiry from Fox 2 News that wants to do a story on the Border Wall proposal at Santa Ana NWR. Kelly attempted to contact Rob/Sonny first but likely you were both off already so he called me. He wanted to know if I was available today to show the Reporter around Santa Ana, and that he/Aislin had informed them we would not be able to comment on the Border Wall specifics. The media contact initially occurred at the Visitor Center yesterday about 3pm from Hannah McKenzie, Fox 2 (b) (6). Kalina gave me the phone record this morning of their call. So, I'm available to handle this today. They are supposed to be here this afternoon sometime.

Also, Kelly mentioned that (b) (6) ((b) (6)) will be meeting with (b) (6) next week (Tue-Thurs, but most likely Wednesday) also he is interviewing the farmer and doing a story on Border Wall. Kelly said there is a chance he will stop by to visit with us and that he has been a supporter. He is on the Board of TPWD somehow so he's an advocate for our line of work. Kelly asked that if Jay does come by we give him the proper (royal) treatment if we can.

I'll make sure to discuss only refuge-related questions and avoid any discussion/details about the Border Wall proposal, since I would like to remain employed at least for a few more years anyway!

bryan

On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 4:21 PM, Chapa, Gisela <gisela_chapa@fws.gov> wrote:

I could but I have calls from 9am - 3pm :/

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eTg6FQT5hM>
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/

**"One generation plants a tree...the next enjoys the shade."
-Anonymous**

On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 4:17 PM, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov> wrote:

Would one of you possibly be available for this interview tomorrow?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Date: October 19, 2017 at 4:10:31 PM CDT
To: Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Request for interview tomorrow

Sonny,

I will call you today!

Kelly

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From: **Maestas, Aislinn** <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 3:48 PM
Subject: Request for interview tomorrow
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Cc: John Bradley <john_bradley@fws.gov>, "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>

Good afternoon,

I have received an interview request from a broadcast reporter with Sinclair Broadcasting out of Florida. They are coming to Santa Ana tomorrow to shoot b-roll and would like to interview someone on camera about the refuge. It sounds like she is doing a story on the proposed border wall, but is aware we are not giving interviews on that topic at this time.

Do we want to offer up someone to talk about the refuge? I understand it's short notice and I let her know chances are slim we can make someone available tomorrow.

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Label: "Border Patrol/Border Patrol FOIA 2017 (2)"

Created by:bryan_winton@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:233 (49 conversations)

Created: 09-25-2017 at 06:37 AM

Conversation Contents

Border Wall Gates

"Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 15 2017 10:43:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
CC: Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Subject: Border Wall Gates

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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 15 2017 12:48:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez

CC: <sonny_perez@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: Border Wall Gates

Bryan,

There are other options for them to retain access to their family cemetery. The north/south Schuster road could stay in place and simply connect to the BP east/west road on the south side of the proposed wall. They could then east/west to the nearest gate to cross the levee north...

rob

On Tue, Aug 15, 2017 at 11:43 AM, Winton, Bryan <bryan_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

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Conversation Contents

GAO report

Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>

From: Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>
Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 06:02:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Subject: GAO report

SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY:

Additional Actions Needed to Better Assess Fencing's Contributions to Operations and Provide Guidance for Identifying Capability Gaps

GAO-17-331: Published: Feb 16, 2017. Publicly Released: Feb 16, 2017.

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Bryan,

My emphasis above. The GAO said that CBP hasn't shown that border fencing has achieved its stated goal of enhancing border security.

<https://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-17-331>

Rick

"Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 06:46:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: GAO report

Friends Group Board member, Rick Ramke informed me about this GAO report that states that CBP has summarized no data to date on how effective the border fence is compared to pre-fence times. This would also mean that they have no documentation on justification for a 150' enforcement zone compared to the 20-70' "zone" they currently have on several LRGV NWR tracts.

There appears to be no firm grounds on why they are advocating for additional clearing beyond the south side of the border wall, except for increasing the space for which they can view northbound activity, increased space to drag tires, install other surveillance infrastructure, give the camera monitors an addition 3 seconds to view illegals/traffickers, etc.

The "zone" would already be present if the wall was a fence placed on the north side of the irrigation district canal and IBWC levee, rather than on the south side, where it is being fabricated in large part to satisfy flood protection. The habitat loss we are facing could be thwarted completely if the border infrastructure was constructed solely to address charges made in the Executive Order to address illegal immigration and terrorism and not married with flood protection measures for the county. The cost of a fence would be substantially less than the 16-18' wall of concrete, which would enable taxpayers dollars to more easily cover the cost of securing the southern border, while minimizing impacts to borderlands throughout. Ideally, if supporters for our area are going to formally protest to oppose the wall, they should consider raising these issues, as they would have far less impact on natural resources in the area. And terrestrial wildlife would be able to escape upon the levee during future flood events unlike the circumstances they will face once the wall is built.

I recognize this doesn't appear to at all be debatable.

bryan

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"Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 07:40:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Jim Chapman <jchapmanrgv@gmail.com>, John McClung <jfmcclung@msn.com>
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From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 07:40:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Richard Ramke <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: GAO report

Interesting. Can you send this out to the Friends Board?
bryan

On Fri, Jul 28, 2017 at 7:02 AM, Richard Ramke <rwrinke@gmail.com> wrote:

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Label: "Border Fence"

Created by:robert_jess@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:672 (227 conversations)

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Conversation Contents

Fwd: Website Inquiry

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 23 2017 06:58:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Website Inquiry

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 8:23 PM
Subject: Website Inquiry
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

Can you please tell me if the government is proceeding on President Trump's "wall" plan; starting with a three mile stretch through the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge?

[I saw an article in the Sunday Dallas Morning News (07/30/17) about the preliminary work being done at the refuge. The construction will basically destroy this refuge of diverse habitats. This refuge is key to bird & butterfly migration. It is home to ~400 bird species, ~300 butterfly species and 2 endangered species of wildcats; let alone one of few remaining stands of Sabal palm trees.]

Please tell me that they have reconsidered this project through Santa Ana. If not, is there anything we as Texans and US citizens do to prevent this tragedy?

Please SAVE this NATIONAL WILDLIFE refuge!

Respectfully submitted by

(b) (6)

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 23 2017 13:56:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>, Keenan Adams <keenan_adams@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Website Inquiry

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From: **Donald, Christine** <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 7:58 AM
Subject: Fwd: Website Inquiry
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>

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"Adams, Keenan" <keenan_adams@fws.gov>

From: "Adams, Keenan" <keenan_adams@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 23 2017 14:46:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
CC: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Website Inquiry

We'll respond for you Rob.

We're also working on the response letter to the friends group.

On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 1:56 PM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: **Donald, Christine** <christine_donald@fws.gov>
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Subject: Fwd: Website Inquiry
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>

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Keenan Adams

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August & September 2017
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Make everything as simple as possible, but not simpler. ~Albert Einstein

"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 23 2017 14:50:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6)
BCC: robert_jess@fws.gov
Subject: Re: Website Inquiry

Jan,

Thank you for your interest in Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Please see the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statement:

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is one of several federal agencies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged with to implement the President's Executive Order (EO) 13767 - Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. CBP has included DOI in initial discussions regarding the implementation of the EO in south Texas.

For inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov. You can also submit your comment at www.doi.gov/feedback.

Thank you,
- Aislinn

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Label: "Border Patrol/Border Patrol FOIA 2017 (2)"

Created by:bryan_winton@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:233 (49 conversations)

Created: 09-25-2017 at 06:42 AM

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Associated Press - border wall

"Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>

From: "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 15:03:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn_gardiner@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Associated Press - border wall

FYI

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From: Reyes, Ernesto <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 4:02 PM
Subject: Re: Associated Press - border wall
To: Nomaan Merchant <b59d54e9-c7d3-46f6-b06f-e2929b3cc8e1@reply.linkedin.com>, Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

Hello Nomaan,

Please contact Beth Ullenberg at (505) 248-6638 or Maestas Aislinn at (505) 248-6599.

Thanks,

Ernesto

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:38 PM, Nomaan Merchant <hit-reply-premium-inmail@linkedin.com> wrote:

Hi Ernesto,

Good afternoon. I'm an AP reporter in Houston covering immigration and border affairs. I'm doing some research on preparations for future construction of a border wall and, in particular, trying to find out the other locations (after Santa Ana) that are being examined as possible sites. I was hoping you might be able to share some of your expertise as I research this. Could I give you a call sometime today or later this week? I'm at (b) (6) or (b) (6).

Thanks very much,
Nomaan

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Created by:bryan_winton@fws.gov

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Created: 09-25-2017 at 06:43 AM

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 08:35:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
CC:
Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge

Beth,
we probably need to start a folder and standardized message to response...
rob

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From: **Donald, Christine** <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 9:33 AM
Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 9:33 PM
Subject: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge
To: "Christine_Donald@fws.gov" <Christine_Donald@fws.gov>, "RDTuggle@fws.gov" <RDTuggle@fws.gov>

Greetings to the resource managers of the Santa Ana wildlife refuge.

I would like to see the environmental analysis for the proposed construction of the "border wall" within and adjacent to the refuge boundary. Please send me an electronic copy of the EA or EIS that was done to analyze the impacts of this wall. If you are still in the process of doing the analysis, then please add me to your scoping list.

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robert jess
project leader
south texas refuge complex
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Label: "Border Fence"

Created by:robert_jess@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:672 (227 conversations)

Created: 09-29-2017 at 11:55 AM

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Support for FWS

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 14 2017 07:37:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for FWS

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Sun, Aug 13, 2017 at 10:16 PM
Subject: Support for FWS
To: "[Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)" <Christine_Donald@fws.gov>

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Best,
Lindsay and Carolyn

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 14 2017 13:10:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Support for FWS

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Aug 14 2017 13:17:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6)
BCC: robert_jess@fws.gov
Subject: Re: Support for FWS

Good afternoon Lindsay and Carolyn,

Thank you for your interest in Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). Please see the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statement:

The Department of the Interior (DOI) is one of several federal agencies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged with to implement the President's Executive Order (EO) 13767 - Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. CBP has included DOI in initial discussions regarding the implementation of the EO in south Texas.

For inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at cbpmidiarelations@cbp.dhs.gov. You can also submit your comment at www.doi.gov/feedback.

Thank you,
- Aislinn

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Conversation Contents

Santa Ana wildlife refuge request to film

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From: Allison Maass <ammaass@circanews.com>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 08:32:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "robert_jess@fws.gov" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Santa Ana wildlife refuge request to film

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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 10:18:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Allison Maass <ammaass@circanews.com>
Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
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From: Allison Maass <ammaass@circanews.com>
Sent: Thu Aug 10 2017 10:28:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Santa Ana wildlife refuge request to film

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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 10 2017 11:57:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Allison Maass <ammaass@circaNews.com>
Subject: Re: Santa Ana wildlife refuge request to film

Yes Allison- you'll be fine as the permit is still available for you.
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Allison Maass <ammaass@circanews.com>

From: Allison Maass <ammaass@circanews.com>
Sent: Thu Aug 10 2017 11:57:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Santa Ana wildlife refuge request to film

Thank you!

Allison

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Date: Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 1:57 PM
To: Allison Maass <ammaass@Circanews.com>
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Fwd: media question: bird species

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 02 2017 10:45:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: media question: bird species

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From: **Melissa Gaskill** <(b) (6) >
Date: Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 11:36 AM
Subject: media question: bird species
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

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<http://melissagaskill.blogspot.com/>

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 09 2017 11:47:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: media question: bird species

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 09 2017 11:48:23 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: media question: bird species

Thanks Rob. I already responded to this one!

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Fwd: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 14:00:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

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From: Asher Elbein <(b) (6)>
Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 12:31 PM
Subject: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

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Asher



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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 14:29:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 14:44:43 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

CC: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>

Subject: Re: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

I will likely be in attendance and can handle all media the day of the protest. Just waiting for

approval from the DRD to send EA support. Hold tight.

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"McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>

From: "McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 14:57:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Harvey, Thomas" <thomas_harvey@fws.gov>
Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough
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Kelly McDowell
Refuge Supervisor Texas Gulf Coast
956-566-3664

Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>

From: Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 15:01:46 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
CC: "Harvey, Thomas" <thomas_harvey@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>, Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

I agree. Aislinn and I have spoke and I also spoke with Keenan (acting EA-ARD) about it and they agreed it was a good idea. They are waiting until Joy returns on Monday to make that final call on attending, she has been out on annual leave.

Monica Kimbrough
Assistant Refuge Supervisor
USFWS, National Wildlife Refuge System
Southwest Region
office: [505-248-7419](tel:505-248-7419)
cell: [505-366-4628](tel:505-366-4628)

Please excuse errors, sent from my iPhone

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To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>

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From: **Asher Elbein** <(b) (6) >

Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 12:31 PM

Subject: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

To: [Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)

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You can give me a call at (b) (6) or email me back here! Hope to hear from you.

Best,

Asher



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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Fri Aug 04 2017 07:40:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
"McDowell, Kelly" <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, "Harvey, Thomas" <thomas_harvey@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC:
Subject: Re: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

Thanks to all for the ask- this will bring tremendous relief as we are in a difficult position with this protest (and the many other issues plaguing us)
rob

On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 4:01 PM, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov> wrote:
I agree. Aislinn and I have spoke and I also spoke with Keenan (acting EA-ARD) about it and they agreed it was a good idea. They are waiting until Joy returns on Monday to make that final call on attending, she has been out on annual leave.

Monica Kimbrough
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cell: [505-366-4628](tel:505-366-4628)

Please excuse errors, sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2017, at 2:57 PM, McDowell, Kelly <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov> wrote:

Tom,

I would like to formally request that External Affairs be present to answer questions during this weekend (Saturday and Sunday). This will be very important to our staff. Great opportunity to get EA to participate in field. Please let me know if you have any questions. Other wise please let Joy and Benjamin know the importance of having EA present this weekend.

Thanks

Kelly

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From: **Jess, Robert** <robert_jess@fws.gov>

Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 3:29 PM

Subject: Fwd: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife tour

To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

Cc: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>

Aislinn,

I will be here on Sunday 8/13/17 for the protest but have no desire to speak on the issues. would you please respond and is there anyway we can come up with a message that speaks more than deferring to CBP for information? Thoughts?

Thanks much, rob

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From: **Donald, Christine** <christine_donald@fws.gov>

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Conversation Contents

Fwd: press request

"Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 12:38:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: press request

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From: Asher Elbein <(b) (6)>
Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 12:56 PM
Subject: press request
To: bryan_winton@fws.gov

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Asher Elbein



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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 14:38:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough

CC: <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas
<aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

Subject: Fwd: press request

Aislinn,
thanks!

----- Forwarded message -----defer to CBP on specific requests?From: **Winton, Bryan**
<bryan_winton@fws.gov>
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"Sternberg, Mitch" <mitch_sternberg@fws.gov>

From: "Sternberg, Mitch" <mitch_sternberg@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 12:01:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife

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Another media contact.

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Thanks for dealing with these.

Mitch

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From: Asher Elbein <(b) (6)>
Date: Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 12:48 PM
Subject: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife
To: mitch_sternberg@fws.gov

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Best,

Asher



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Office: 956-784-7592

"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 12:14:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Sternberg, Mitch" <mitch_sternberg@fws.gov>
CC: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife

I will reply. Thank you for forwarding.

- Aislinn

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 12:17:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: aelbein@gmail.com
BCC: robert_jess@fws.gov
Subject: Re: Press request: Santa Ana wildlife

Good afternoon Asher,

I was forwarded your request by a colleague. At this time we do not have anyone available for interview. Please see our statement:

"The Department of the Interior (DOI) is one of several federal agencies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged with to implement the President's Executive Order (EO) 13767 - Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. CBP has included DOI in initial discussions regarding the implementation of the EO in south Texas. For inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov"

Thank you,
- Aislinn

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Media Request - KVEU for border wall story

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 09:54:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
Subject: Media Request - KVEU for border wall story

Aislinn,

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Aug 03 2017 11:52:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
CC: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request - KVEU for border wall story

Thanks Rob. I gave him a call back and referred him to CBP.

- A

On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 9:54 AM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 02 2017 13:56:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6)
CC: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Subject: Media Question

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From: **Melissa Gaskill** <(b) (6)>
Date: Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 11:36 AM
Subject: media question: bird species
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

Hello,

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Thanks for your help,

Melissa

Melissa Gaskill

Austin, TX

(b) (6)

Member ASJA, SEJ, NASW

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Aug 02 2017 13:59:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
CC: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Question

I already responded to her this morning.

On Wed, Aug 2, 2017 at 1:56 PM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote:

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"Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>

From: "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Aug 01 2017 12:17:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Mitch Sternberg <mitch_sternberg@fws.gov>, Chris Perez <chris_perez@fws.gov>, Imer DeLaGarza <imer_delagarza@fws.gov>, Laura delaGarza <laura_delagarza@fws.gov>, Kimberly Wahl <kimberly_wahl@fws.gov>, Eric Verderber <eric_verderber@fws.gov>, Christine Donald <christine_donald@fws.gov>, raul_garza <raul_garza@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>, Scot Edler <scot_edler@fws.gov>, Chris Hathcock <chris_hathcock@fws.gov>, James Petty <james_petty@fws.gov>, Romeo Garcia <romeo_garcia@fws.gov>, Alejandro Rodriguez <alejandro_rodriguez@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>, Katrina Marklevits <katrina_marklevits@fws.gov>, Jonathan Moczygamba <jonathan_moczygamba@fws.gov>, Mark Spier <mark_spier@nps.gov>, Rolando Garza <rolando_garza@nps.gov>, Willy Cupit <Willy.Cupit@tpwd.texas.gov>, Liana Lerma <Liana.Lerma@tpwd.texas.gov>, Russell Hooten <Russell.hooten@tpwd.texas.gov>, Jackie Robinson <Jackie.robinson@tpwd.texas.gov>, Kendal Keyes <Kendal.Keyes@tpwd.texas.gov>, Janice Engle <janice_engle@fws.gov>, Jonathan Andrew <Jonathan_Andrew@ios.doi.gov>, "Range, Brent" <brent_range@ios.doi.gov>, "Singleton, Melissa" <melissa_singleton@fws.gov>, Aimee Roberson <aroberson@abcbirds.org>, "Jesús Franco" <jfranco@abcbirds.org>

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From: **Cobb, Robyn** <robyn_cobb@fws.gov>

Date: Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 10:15 AM

Subject: Fwd: FW: EDITORIAL: Private property and environmental concerns with building a wall in RGV | Editorials | themonitor.com

To: Dawn Gardiner <dawn_gardiner@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>, "Best, Chris" <chris_best@fws.gov>

Just FYI in case you haven't seen this.

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Date: Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 8:31 AM

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To: Lynnda_Kahn@fws.gov, (b) (6) <(b) (6)> ,

robyn_cobb@fws.gov, (b) (6) <(b) (6)> , (b) (6)

Cc: (b) (6)

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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

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Sent: Wed Jul 26 2017 06:02:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov
Ernesto Reyes <ernesto_reyes@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC:
Subject: Media contact point & message

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From: Jess, Robert [mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:03 AM

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From:

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
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cbp.dhs.gov>

Sent: Fri Jul 28 2017 16:04:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Media contact point & message

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Sent: Mon Jul 31 2017 05:44:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <cbp.dhs.gov>
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From: (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 31 2017 08:45:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: RE: Media contact point & message

Rob,

My work cell number is (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), personal cell phone is (b) (6).

What news paper did you say the article was on? I'm searching in the Austin Chronicle and havent found it. Thanks

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Label: "Border Fence"

Created by:robert_jess@fws.gov

Total Messages in label:672 (227 conversations)

Created: 09-29-2017 at 12:06 PM

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Border wall construction?

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Sun Jul 30 2017 07:08:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Border wall construction?

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 8:58 PM
Subject: Border wall construction?
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

Is this information correct? If so, is there anything the public can do to prevent this action?

<http://inhabitat.com/crown-jewel-wildlife-refuge-is-about-to-be-decimated-as-trump-starts-border-wall/>

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Conversation Contents

Media request — The Texas Tribune

Kiah Collier <kcollier@texastribune.org>

From: Kiah Collier <kcollier@texastribune.org>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 14:57:15 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Media request — The Texas Tribune

Hi Mr. Jess,

I'm a reporter at The Texas Tribune in Austin. I'm hoping you can give some insight into the planned border wall construction at Santa Ana.

Please let me know who I can talk to about that.

Many thanks,

 **THE TEXAS TRIBUNE**

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Reporter

823 Congress Ave., Ste. 1400
Austin, TX 78701
www.texastribune.org

M (b) (6)  **O** (512) 716-8606 **F** (512) 716-8601
[@kiahcollier](mailto:kiahcollier)

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 15:00:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Media request — The Texas Tribune

Aislinn,
She called and I asked her to request via email.
rob

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kiah Collier** <kcollier@texastribune.org>
Date: Thu, Jul 27, 2017 at 3:57 PM

Subject: Media request — The Texas Tribune
To: robert_jess@fws.gov

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"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>

From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 27 2017 15:06:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>, kcollier@texastribune.org
Subject: Re: Media request — The Texas Tribune

Good afternoon Kiah,

At this time, the Service does not have anyone available for interview. Please see the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statement:

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Label: "Border Fence"

Created by:robert_jess@fws.gov

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Created: 09-29-2017 at 12:10 PM

Conversation Contents

Fwd: Santa Anna

"Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>

From: "Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 25 2017 07:35:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Santa Anna

More support for Santa Ana. FYI,

Gisela Chapa
Acting National Urban and Vision Coordinator through 7/28/17
National Wildlife Refuge System
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Headquarters
5275 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA 22041-3803

work (703) 358-2432; cell (979) 220-5851

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956-787-8338 (F)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eTg6FQT5hM>
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/santa_ana/

----- Forwarded message -----
From: **Jones, Andy** <ajones@conservationfund.org>
Date: Tue, Jul 25, 2017 at 9:31 AM
Subject: Santa Anna
To: "gisela_chapa@fws.gov" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>

Gisela,
Do you have time for a quick call today? We at TCF need to know if there is anything we can do

to help with the border wall issue.

Thanks

Andy Jones

(b) (6) cell

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From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Sun Jul 23 2017 08:28:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Website Inquiry

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From: Rebecca <(b) (6)>
Date: Sat, Jul 22, 2017 at 3:26 AM
Subject: Website Inquiry
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

Good morning Christine,

I just read an article stating that construction of our border wall is set to begin in the refuge. I can't tell anymore what is real or "fake news" so thought I'd just ask. I hope it is - we need the wall but is it going to harm the animals? Have steps been taken not to be disruptive or at least as little as possible? Where can I find more details? I'm worried about the ocelots and other wildlife that is already displaced but I know we need the wall.

Please advise,
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A curious American

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 22:24:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: <robert_jess@fws.gov>
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Sent: Fri Jul 21 2017 09:18:18 GMT-0600 (MDT)

To: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>, Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov
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Robert

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Sent: Fri Jul 21 2017 12:55:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: ljoseph@dallasnews.com
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Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

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To: <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

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Subject: Re: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

Diana,
I have forwarded your information to the External Affairs Division of both our Regional Office and that of the Department of Interior.
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From: "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 15:27:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Diana G Partida <diana@elperiodicousa.com>
CC: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

Good afternoon Diana,

You can send inquiries to Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov. I have also provided a statement below which includes contact information for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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Thank you,
- Aislinn

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 3:04 PM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote:

Diana,

I have forwarded your information to the External Affairs Division of both our Regional Office and that of the Department of Interior.

It was my pleasure to help you to better understand the refuge system and this refuge Complex. I also appreciate you not asking questions on the border wall issue.

all the best,
robert

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 1:39 PM, Diana G Partida <diana@elperiodicousa.com> wrote:

Mr. Jess

Thanks, a lot for everything.

I really appreciate all the time you took to speak to us about the specifics of the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge, and the tour, it was quite amazing.

But also, I wanted to see if it's possible to provide me with the contact for the U.S. Department of the Interior, to speak with them about the possibility that the building of the border wall will be through this border refuge.

Thanks again,

Best Regards,

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Diana Grace Partida

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Border Wall inquiries

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 10:00:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Lety Handy <lety_handy@fws.gov>
CC: Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Dawn Gardner <dawn_gardiner@fws.gov>
Subject: Border Wall inquiries

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"Escobar, David" <david_escobar@fws.gov>

From: "Escobar, David" <david_escobar@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 10:04:45 GMT-0600 (MDT)
Hilary Swarts <hilary_swarts@fws.gov>, Lety Handy <lety_handy@fws.gov>, Alejandro Rodriguez <alejandro_rodriguez@fws.gov>, Alex Garcia <alex_garcia@fws.gov>, Alfredo Salinas <alfredo_salinas@fws.gov>, (b) (6) <[REDACTED]>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>, Brunilda FuentesCapozello <brunilda_fuentescaozello@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Charles Walton

<charles_walton@fws.gov>, Chloe Horton
<chloe_horton@fws.gov>, Chris Perez <chris_perez@fws.gov>,
Christopher Quezada <christopher_quezada@fws.gov>, Cody
Mann <cody_mann@fws.gov>, Cynthia Sandoval
<cynthia_sandoval@fws.gov>, Dina Diaz <dina_diaz@fws.gov>,
"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>, Eduardo
Plasencia <eduardo_plasencia@fws.gov>, Eliseo Garcia
<eliseo_garcia@fws.gov>, Elizabeth Demarse
<elizabeth_demarse@fws.gov>, (b) (6)
<(b) (6)>, Eric Verderber <eric_verderber@fws.gov>,
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Reynaldo Navarro <reynaldo_navarro@fws.gov>, Rick Gonzalez
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Roy Reyna <roy_reyna@fws.gov>, Scot Edler
<scot_edler@fws.gov>, Scott Affeldt <scott_affeldt@fws.gov>,
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Fwd: Border Wall inquiries

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From: **Lety Handy** <lety_handy@fws.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 11:02 AM
Subject: Fwd: Border Wall inquiries
To: David Escobar <david_escobar@fws.gov>

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Date: July 20, 2017 at 11:00:17 AM CDT
To: Lety Handy <lety_handy@fws.gov>
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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 09:43:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>
Subject: Border Wall Inquiry- South Texas Refuge Complex, Alamo, TX

Laurie Joseph, a graphic artist of the Dallas Star called with with inquiries on the Border Wall. Contact information is (b) (6)

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"Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>

From: "Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 14:25:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
Subject: Press of Santa Ana

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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 15:15:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: undisclosed-recipients;;
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Subject: Fwd: Press of Santa Ana

Thought you might like to know that its going to hit the fan here as we have become the epicenter to this national issue- The Administration has identified the first section of 2000 miles of fence at the santa ana refuge with a 2.9 mile segment.

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From: Chapa, Gisela <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:25 PM
Subject: Press of Santa Ana
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>

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From: (b) (6) >
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 04:47:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Press of Santa Ana

Thanks for the heads up ;)... I can't even imagine what kind of crap your going to have to deal with. I sure love you pops! Always remember the Lord has your back. ❤️❤️ -moose Sent from my iPhone > On Jul 19, 2017, at 5:15 PM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote: > > trump

"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 08:10:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn_maestas@fws.gov>
CC: Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

Subject: Fwd: Press of Santa Ana

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"Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>

From: "Swift, Heather" <heather_swift@ios.doi.gov>
Sent: Thu Jul 20 2017 08:21:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Press of Santa Ana

Thanks for this.

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Heather Swift
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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 10:10 AM, Jess, Robert <robert_jess@fws.gov> wrote:

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From: "Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 13:16:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Sharon Slagle <(b) (6)>
CC: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 07:09:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
CC: Sharon Slagle <(b) (6)>
Subject: Re: PSJA Video Ad

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Sent: Wed Jul 19 2017 07:12:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: PSJA Video Ad

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Sharon and Gisela,

We need to continue to do business as usual until something changes, especially with the border wall issue. So please continue with the project!

rob

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 2:16 PM, Chapa, Gisela <gisela_chapa@fws.gov> wrote:

Sharon,

I have not been involved in the status of the border fence so that question may be better directed to Rob. For me, urban refuge has been business as usual - at least unless I hear otherwise from Rob.

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To: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
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Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 15:03:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn_gardiner@fws.gov>
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Hello Nomaan,

Please contact Beth Ullenberg at (505) 248-6638 or Maestas Aislinn at (505) 248-6599.

Thanks,

Ernesto

On Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:38 PM, Nomaan Merchant <hit-reply-premium-inmail@linkedin.com> wrote:

Hi Ernesto,

Good afternoon. I'm an AP reporter in Houston covering immigration and border affairs. I'm doing some research on preparations for future construction of a border wall and, in particular, trying to find out the other locations (after Santa Ana) that are being examined as possible sites. I was hoping you might be able to share some of your expertise as I research this. Could I give you a call sometime today or later this week? I'm at (b) (6) or (b) (6).

Thanks very much,
Nomaan

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"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Tue Jul 18 2017 07:00:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Petition to Save the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 10:34 PM
Subject: Petition to Save the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

Just a note to let you know that there is now a petition to save the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge.

See <https://petitions.whitehouse.gov/petition/save-santa-ana-wildlife-refuge>

Thank you.

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To: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Media Request - Border Wall Protest

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Created: 09-29-2017 at 12:21 PM

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Fwd: Violations at Refuge

"Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>

From: "Donald, Christine" <christine_donald@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 09:07:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Violations at Refuge

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From: (b) (6) <(b) (6)>
Date: Sat, Jul 15, 2017 at 12:24 PM
Subject: Violations at Refuge
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

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"Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>

From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 09:08:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Monica Kimbrough <monica_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
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Date: Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 7:53 AM
Subject: Border Wall
To: Christine_Donald@fws.gov

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Burleson Tx

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Subject: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge
To: "[Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)" <Christine_Donald@fws.gov>, "RDTuggle@fws.gov" <RDTuggle@fws.gov>

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Alexandria, LA 71407

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Fwd: Santa Ana border wall

Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Sat Jul 15 2017 10:16:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana border wall

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From: "Blihovde, Boyd" <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>
Date: July 15, 2017 at 12:25:33 AM CDT
To: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Subject: Re: Santa Ana border wall

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From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 07:31:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
CC: Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
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From: "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 07:45:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
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Subject: Re: Santa Ana border wall

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I need to pass this up the chain so they are aware and are in the loop. This will continue to gain coverage.

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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Mon Jul 17 2017 07:53:47 GMT-0600 (MDT)
To: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd_blihovde@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
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In regard to the Border Fence- I want to remind you that we all work for a federal agency and that yours and my opinion have no relevancy on these matters. Also please remember that your emails are FOIA-able. If you want to share a personal opinion then do so in person, on the phone, snail mail or private email on personal time.
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"Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>

From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 08 2017 08:28:38 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Rob Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez
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bryan

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Date: Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 2:14 PM
Subject: Japanese TV Documentary
To: bryan_winton@fws.gov

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Contacts you requested that may be willing to provide a statement or do an interview with future media inquiries as relates to current or anticipated additional impacts of Border Fence to protected lands and natural resources in south Texas:

1. Frontera Audubon, Weslaco, Texas - Jim Chapman (956) 571-0545; info@fronteraadubon.org
2. Lower Rio Grande Valley Sierra Club - Scot Nicol (956) 532-5983; lrgvsier@raclub@gmail.com; & Stephanie Herwick; stephanie.herweck@utrgv.edu; (b) (6); (b) (6); lrgvsier@raclub@gmail.com;
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From: "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 08 2017 15:15:06 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: (b) (6)
CC: Bryan Winton <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
BCC: robert_jess@fws.gov
Subject: RE: Japanese TV Documentary

Thank you for your inquiry to Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge in Texas regarding your documentary on a US/Mexico border wall. We currently do not have staff available for interviews.

Please see the following U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statement.

Any assessment of the potential impacts of a US-Mexico border wall on threatened and endangered wildlife would be made through the formal consultation process under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, once initiated by the federal action agency involved. We have not received a request for such a consultation from any agency and would not make speculative assessments outside of that process.

For filming on Refuge lands that are open to the public please contact Bryan Winton at Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. He can provide you with the proper paperwork to facilitate access and filming. His contact information is bryan_winton@fws.gov or 956-784-7521.

Best Regards,

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"Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>

From: "Chapa, Gisela" <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 08 2017 06:17:23 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Robert Jess <robert_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny_perez@fws.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Japanese TV Filming Request

Good morning Rob,

I received this request yesterday to film on the Refuge and interview staff about the border fence and its impacts on wildlife. Let me know how to route the request or if I should respond to the request; they're looking for a short turnaround to film so a prompt response is requested.

Thanks,

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From: **Mizuho Endo** <(b) (6)>
Date: Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 2:52 PM
Subject: Japanese TV Filming Request
To: gisela_chapa@fws.gov

Hi Gisela,

How are you? Thank you so much for speaking to me on the phone.
My name is Mizuho Endo. I work for NY based -Japanese TV production company called Zazou Productions.

We are making the documentary about the US/Mexico Borders for the show for Fuji

Television <http://www.fujitv.co.jp>

This documentary explores the U.S./ Mexico border cities and document what the border fence currently looks like and tell the story among the people who live near the walls in US.

We are very interested in interviewing with your rep and introduce your park and walls of US/Mexico Border.

Here is the request:

Date: Feb 17th or 18th

Duration: a few hours

1. Interview with the rep

These are the questions we would like to ask:

Q. How do you think about having wall and how it affects animals in wild refuge?

Q What kind of problem do you think animals will run into?

2. The shoot- Filming wild life in your park and walls.

We are 5 people crew with minimal documentary-style camera equipment. Four of our crew are Japanese citizens with work visa or U.S. permanent residency.

Thank you for your review and considerations. I would appreciate your feedback at your earliest convenience.

Very respectfully,

Mizuho Endo
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From: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan_winton@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Jan 25 2017 09:31:33 GMT-0700 (MST)
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Subject: Re: Press Request
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Cc: Gisela Chapa <gisela_chapa@fws.gov>

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Sent: Wed Jan 25 2017 09:54:22 GMT-0700 (MST)
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From: "Jess, Robert" <robert_jess@fws.gov>
Sent: Wed Jan 25 2017 09:21:20 GMT-0700 (MST)
To: Beth Ullenberg <beth_ullenberg@fws.gov>
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