

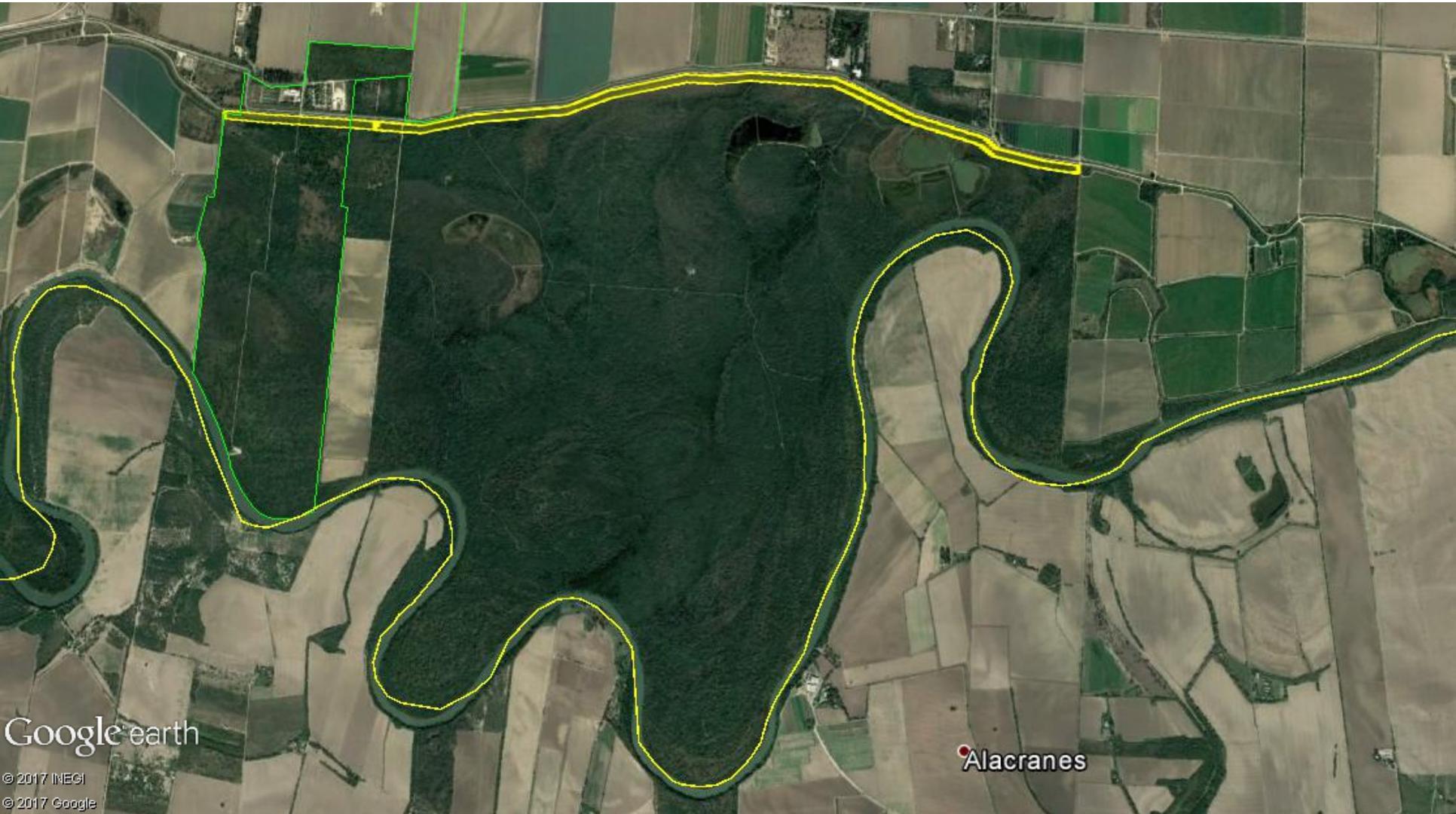
<u>Tract Name:</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Wetlands?</u>	<u>Current Swath Size</u>	<u>Vegetation Quality*</u>	<u>Notes: Restoration Opp?:</u>
Santa Maria	585	yes	45'	1 – High Quality	Y
Llano Grande Banco	186	no	70'	2 – Med. Quality (High)	
Rosario Banco	34	yes	38' (25')	2 – Med. Quality	Y
La Coma	776	yes (entire)	45'	2 – Med. Quality	Y
Monterrey Banco	101	yes (portion)	40'	2 – Med. Quality (Low)	Orchard Oriole Y
Santa Ana NWR	2,088	yes (portion)	Base of Levee	1 – High Quality	Y
Marinoff	432	no	Base of Levee	2 – Med. Quality	
Milagro East	846	yes (ditch)	Base of Levee	2 – Med. Quality (Low)	
Vela Woods	225	no	Base of Levee	1 – High Quality	
Hidalgo Bend	547	no	20' -23'	2 – Med. Quality (Low)	
Pate Bend	456	no	45' -55'	2 – Med. Quality	
Madero	273	yes (small amt)	Base of Levee	1 – High Quality	Y
La Parida Banco	447	no	Base of Levee	2 – Med. Quality	
Abrams	220	no	-	3 – Low Quality	
KiskadeeWMA	13	yes	45'	3 – Low Quality	
Abrams West	257	yes	60'	3 – Low Quality	

\*Criteria for Ranking Vegetation Quality: Size/height of trees; Number of Species; Type(s) of Species; Understory; Density; Bird nesting habitat?;  
Quality Ranks: 1- High; 2 – Medium; 3- Low

Hidalgo Co. Affected Tract (W to E)	150 ft. (Acreage Impacts within refuge bdy polygon) See KMZ files	75 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	100 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	50 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	Polygon Length (ft)
Abrams West	3	1.5	2	1	876
Kiskadee WMA	2.3	1.9	1.5	0.8	686
Abrams	2.7	1.4	1.8	0.9	806
La Parida	8	4	5.4	2.7	2370
Madero	10	6.2	8.3	4.2	3639
Pate Bend	26.2	13.7	18.2	9.1	7965
Hidalgo Bend	23.5	12.2	16.2	8.1	7095
Vela Woods	2.5	1.7	2.3	1.1	1013
Milagro East	5.4	3.2	4.3	2.1	1870
Marinoff	9	3.5	4.6	2.3	2013
Santa Ana NWR	42.6	21.6	28.8	14.4	12579
Monterrey Banco	14.3	7.5	9.9	5	4336
La Coma	2.7	1.5	2	1	906
Rosario Banco	5.4	3.2	4.2	2.1	1850
Llano Grande Banco	6.7	7.2	9.6	4.8	4188
Santa Maria	4.8	2.9	3.9	2	1710
<b>Totals (Acres Impacted)</b>	169.1	93.2	123	61.6	53902

## SANTA ANA NWR – 2,088 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (42.6 acres); 100' (28.8 acres); 75' (21.6 acres); 50' (14.4 acres)



Range of Enforcement Zone Buffers and Related Acreage Impacts













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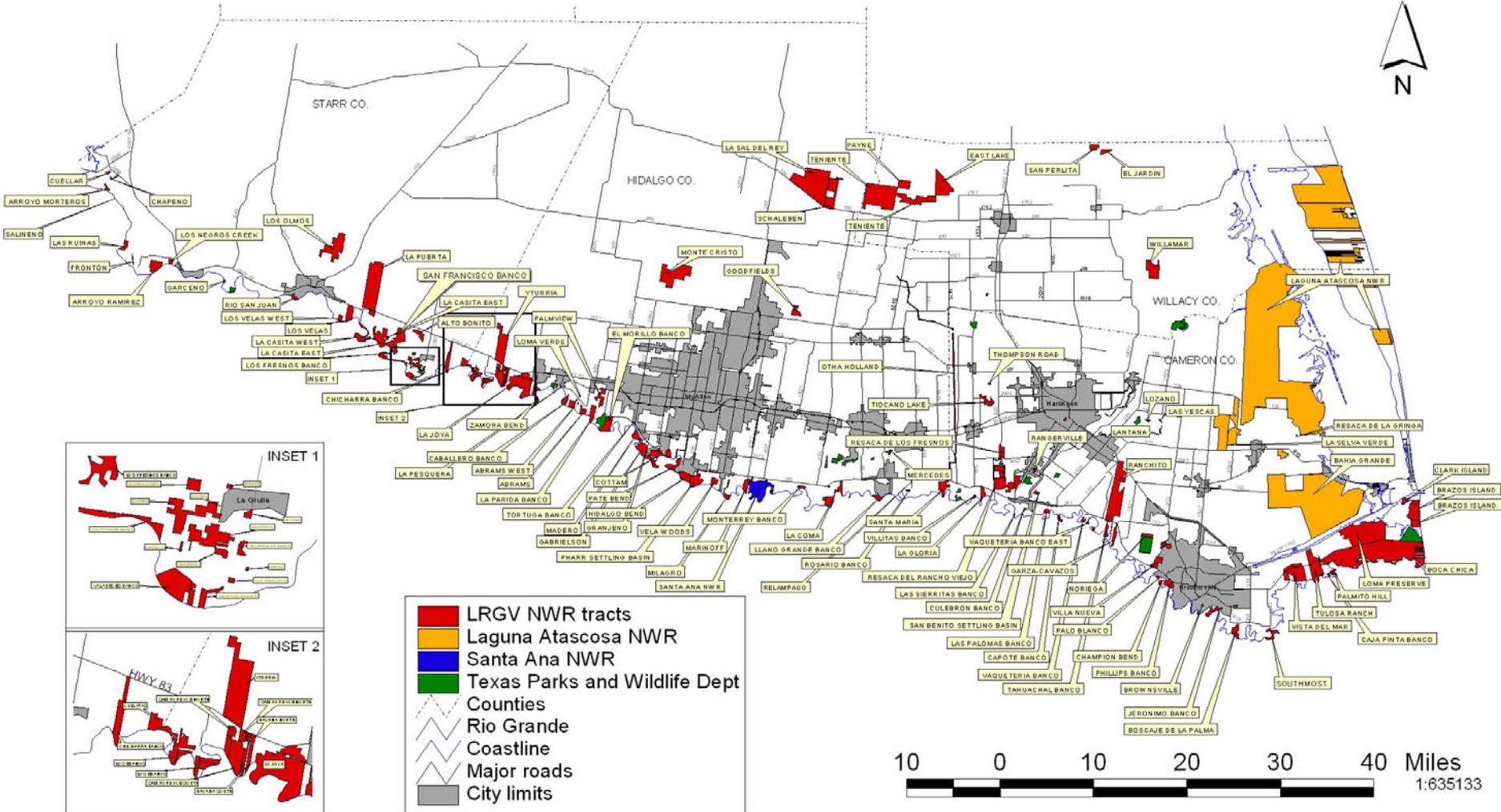
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# LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WILDLIFE CORRIDOR







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

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### Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX

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- /2. Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX/1.3 Santa Ana Acreage Impacts based on Enforcement Zone Width.pptx
- /2. Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX/1.4 BP ISSUES TOP 10.ppt
- /2. Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX/1.5 Gabrielson Dead SmugglerCIMG0286.JPG
- /2. Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX/1.6 abandoned vehicles abrams 002.jpg

**"Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 20 2017 15:59:28 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Refuge/Tract Impacts - associated with Planned/Past CBP Wall Construction in Hidalgo County, TX  
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Also included is another Top 10 Issues Powerpoint I prepared a few years ago regarding Border Patrol and simply human growth-related activities. The first slide in the powerpoint is an international bridge in between two river properties--impacting the "wildlife corridor"..... You may want to merge some of these slides with the powerpoint I brought you earlier today.

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 15 2017 14:26:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C)  
<(b) (7)(C)>, Bryan Winton  
<bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C)  
**To:** <(b) (7)(C)>, kelly mcdowell  
<kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough  
<monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes  
<ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Baker International Surveyors (Santa Ana Refuge 2.93 miles)

FYI- local staff- Please note date that surveyors will be on levee in front of SANWR

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 16 2017 07:13:53 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>  
**CC:** kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Baker International Surveyors (Santa Ana Refuge 2.93 miles)

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 16 2017 14:42:29 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Scot Edler <scot\_edler@fws.gov>, James Petty  
<james\_petty@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa  
**To:** <gisela\_chapa@fws.gov>, Christine Donald  
<christine\_donald@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Baker International Surveyors (Santa Ana Refuge 2.93 miles)

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Aug 18 2017 06:06:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) <[REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov>  
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(b) (6),  
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I have on my calendar that on Monday, August 21, 2017 we are scheduled to meet regarding the "65% design review meeting". Please let me know if this is a Go or No Go for that date as well as a time and location.

Talk soon, rob

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 3:41 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)@cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Rob,

Updated information below:

Baker International is schedule to return to the levee near the Santa Ana Refuge to perform additional drilling and core sampling on Monday, August 21, 2017. The work is expected to be completed the same date.

Respectfully,

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Aug 18 2017 06:09:48 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
"Edler, Scot" <scot\_edler@fws.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
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Good Morning Rob,

We are still a go, its set for 12:30 – 2:20 pm. here at Border Patrol Sector. Thanks

Respectfully,

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**Sent:** Friday, August 18, 2017 7:06 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
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I have on my calendar that on Monday, August 21, 2017 we are scheduled to meet regarding the "65%  
design review meeting". Please let me know if this is a Go or No Go for that date as well as a time and  
location.

Talk soon, rob

On Thu, Aug 17, 2017 at 3:41 PM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Rob,

Updated information below:

Baker International is schedule to return to the levee near the Santa Ana Refuge to perform additional  
drilling and core sampling on Monday, August 21, 2017. The work is expected to be completed the  
same date.

Respectfully,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, August 16, 2017 8:13 AM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
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Thanks for the additional information (b) (6),  
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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Rob,

I was provided additional information on the survey team.

They will be conducting additional ground surveys and using hand tools to clear minimal vegetation  
around irrigation culverts that were not visible during the survey flyover. I was further informed that  
no boring/drilling will be taking place.

If additional information is provided, I will relay to you.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 15, 2017 3:25 PM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

**Cc:** Edler, Scot <[scot\\_edler@fws.gov](mailto:scot_edler@fws.gov)>; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**"Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Aug 17 2017 13:18:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
"Ardizzone, Chuck" <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>, Mary Orms <Mary\_Orms@fws.gov>, Pat Clements <Pat\_Clements@fws.gov>, Robyn Cobb <Robyn\_Cobb@fws.gov>, Clare Lee <Clare\_Lee@fws.gov>, Amber Miller <Amber\_Miller@fws.gov>, "Skoruppa, Mary" <mary\_kay\_skoruppa@fws.gov>, Gretchen Nareff <gretchen\_nareff@fws.gov>, Chip Wood <Chip\_Wood@fws.gov>, Beau Hardegree <Beau\_Hardegree@fws.gov>, Tim Anderson <Tim\_Anderson@fws.gov>, Chad Stinson <Chad\_Stinson@fws.gov>, 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>, Romeo Garcia <romeo\_garcia@fws.gov>, Rene Avendano <rene\_avendano@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>, (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>, (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>, (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>, Alejandro Rodriguez <alejandro\_rodriguez@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd\_blihovde@fws.gov>, Hilary Swarts <hilary\_swarts@fws.gov>, Katrina Marklevits <katrina\_marklevits@fws.gov>, Jonathan Moczygemba <jonathan\_moczygemba@fws.gov>, Reynaldo Navarro <reynaldo\_navarro@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

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<jfranco@abcbirds.org>

**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall

Border Wall Challenge

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/news/border-baja-california/sd-me-wall-bidder-20170816-story.html>

**"Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Aug 18 2017 07:11:38 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, Keenan Adams <keenan\_adams@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>  
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**From:** "Archibeque, Aaron" <aaron\_archibeque@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 11:04:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Robert Jess <Robert\_Jess@fws.gov>, Kelly McDowell <Kelly\_McDowell@fws.gov>, Juliette Fernandez <juliette\_fernandez@fws.gov>, Sid Slone <sid\_slone@fws.gov>, Bill Radke <Bill\_Radke@fws.gov>, Thomas Harvey <Thomas\_Harvey@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <Bryan\_Winton@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>  
**To:**  
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**From:** Devolder, Andy <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 10:45 AM  
**Subject:** TX Border Wall Inquiry and Response Guidance  
**To:** Aaron Archibeque <[aaron\\_archibeque@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_archibeque@fws.gov)>, "Koch, Ted" <[ted\\_koch@fws.gov](mailto:ted_koch@fws.gov)>, Stewart Jacks <[Stewart\\_Jacks@fws.gov](mailto:Stewart_Jacks@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>, Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>, Chris Tincher <[chris\\_tincher@fws.gov](mailto:chris_tincher@fws.gov)>, Jeff Humphrey <[Jeff\\_Humphrey@fws.gov](mailto:Jeff_Humphrey@fws.gov)>, Lesli Gray <[lesli\\_gray@fws.gov](mailto:lesli_gray@fws.gov)>, Joy Nicholopoulos <[joy\\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov)>, Keenan Adams <[keenan\\_adams@fws.gov](mailto:keenan_adams@fws.gov)>

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**"Ardizzone, Chuck"** <[chuck\\_ardizzone@fws.gov](mailto:chuck_ardizzone@fws.gov)>

**From:** "Ardizzone, Chuck" <[chuck\\_ardizzone@fws.gov](mailto:chuck_ardizzone@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 11:34:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Dawn Gardiner <[dawn\\_gardiner@fws.gov](mailto:dawn_gardiner@fws.gov)>, Ernesto Reyes <[ernesto\\_reyes@fws.gov](mailto:ernesto_reyes@fws.gov)>, Robert Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
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**"Gardiner, Dawn" <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Gardiner, Dawn" <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 12:27:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Kelly McDowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
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**"Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 12:45:11 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C)  
<(b) (7)(C)>, Boyd Blihovde  
<boyd\_blihovde@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes  
**To:** <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>, Mitch Sternberg  
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Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C)  
**CC:** >  
**Subject:** Fwd: TX Border Wall Inquiry and Response Guidance

New guidance on any responses we make...

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From: **Archibeque, Aaron** <[aaron\\_archibeque@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_archibeque@fws.gov)>

Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 12:04 PM

Subject: Fwd: TX Border Wall Inquiry and Response Guidance

To: Robert Jess <[Robert\\_Jess@fws.gov](mailto:Robert_Jess@fws.gov)>, Kelly McDowell <[Kelly\\_McDowell@fws.gov](mailto:Kelly_McDowell@fws.gov)>, Juliette Fernandez <[juliette\\_fernandez@fws.gov](mailto:juliette_fernandez@fws.gov)>, Sid Slone <[sid\\_slone@fws.gov](mailto:sid_slone@fws.gov)>, Bill Radke <[Bill\\_Radke@fws.gov](mailto:Bill_Radke@fws.gov)>, Thomas Harvey <[Thomas\\_Harvey@fws.gov](mailto:Thomas_Harvey@fws.gov)>, Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>, Bryan Winton <[Bryan\\_Winton@fws.gov](mailto:Bryan_Winton@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>

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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 07:49:32 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>  
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**From:** Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 10:08:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)

**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: request for consistency- Border Wall

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 14:32:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: request for consistency- Border Wall

Nice! I'll be surprised if we can influence the message but I agree with you that we should be listened to or heard before statements are shared that will likely be inaccurate.

bryan

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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 14:52:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Grant Harris <[grant\\_harris@fws.gov](mailto:grant_harris@fws.gov)>, Chuck Ardizzone <[chuck\\_ardizzone@fws.gov](mailto:chuck_ardizzone@fws.gov)>, Dawn Gardner <[dawn\\_gardiner@fws.gov](mailto:dawn_gardiner@fws.gov)>, (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>  
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**Date:** Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 11:08 AM  
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**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
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I and my staff concur. Let us know when you need anything.

Dawn

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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 15:15:58 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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**"Ardizzone, Chuck" <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Ardizzone, Chuck" <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 04:59:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Gardiner, Dawn" <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>  
"Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Grant Harris

**CC:** <grant\_harris@fws.gov>, (b) (7)(C)  
<(b) (7)(C)>, Ernesto Reyes  
<ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>, Mitch Sternberg  
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<(b) (7)(C)>, Monica Kimbrough  
<monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell  
<kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: request for consistency- Border Wall

Rob sounds like a good plan.

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**Jim Rohn**

*"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader"*

**John Quincy Adams**

On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 3:56 PM, Gardiner, Dawn <[dawn\\_gardiner@fws.gov](mailto:dawn_gardiner@fws.gov)> wrote:  
I and my staff concur. Let us know when you need anything.

Dawn

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# Conversation Contents

## Law Enforcement strategy

### "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
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**To:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 06:21:34 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>  
**CC:** Bryan Winton <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 06:50:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** (b) (7)(C)  
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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 07:01:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "(b) (7)(C)" <(b) (7)(C)>  
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**Subject:** Re: Law Enforcement strategy

That works.

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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 08:18:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Law Enforcement strategy

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**Created by:robert\_jess@fws.gov**

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# Conversation Contents

Fwd: Border Information Request

**"Perez, Sonny"** <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>

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**From:** "Perez, Sonny" <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:00:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**CC:** (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Information Request

Rob,

Here is some guidance that has been shared with the FWOs regarding a contact in EA for border-related issues. I haven't given out the guidance you released this morning to the RMs and program leads regarding directing all border-related inquiries to you. Would you like me to redirect the FWOs to refer things to you so that you can direct to RO?

Sonny

----- Forwarded message -----  
**From:** (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 3:45 PM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Information Request  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
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**From:** (b) (7)(C) <(b) (7)(C)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 3:42 PM  
**Subject:** Border Information Request  
**To:** (b) (7)(C)  
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**Cc:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>

Gentlemen - If there is any request for information or comments on border related issues, please direct them to Aislinn Maestas (cc'd on this note) of our External Affairs Office. Thanks.

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**Re: Any concerns**

**Attachments:**

/1. Re: Any concerns/2.1 CBP DRAFT letter response\_092517\_v4.docx

**"Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Sep 27 2017 06:32:00 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Willey, Seth" <seth\_willey@fws.gov>  
Chuck Ardizzone <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>, David Hoth <david\_hoth@fws.gov>, Ted Koch <ted\_koch@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>, Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
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Real Estate and Environmental Branch Chief  
U.S. Customs and Border Protection

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

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Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)

Thank you for your letter dated August 25, 2017, regarding U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) proposed border infrastructure in South Texas which includes the installation of 35 gates in existing border fence gaps, 32 miles of bollard wall, and 28 miles of levee wall. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) reviewed your letter and is providing our initial concerns related to Federally listed species, other Federal trust resources, and Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuges (NWR). Once there is a proposed action, that is spatially explicit, we can provide a formal response and coordination under the National Environmental Policy Act, National Wildlife Refuge System (Refuge System) Improvement Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Endangered Species Act.

Over the past several years, there has been a substantial increase in coordination between the Service, CBP, and the U.S. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector along the Texas border. The Service appreciates the excellent communication and information sharing that has occurred and looks forward to maintaining this relationship into the future.

The Refuge System lands in the Lower Rio Grande Valley are considered to be one of the most biodiverse in the continental United States. The Service supports CBP addressing direct and indirect impacts of the proposed border activities on Federally listed species and other Federal trust resources in the project area. In general, concerns are similar to those discussed during initial border wall/fence construction in 2008. The Service will continue to work with CBP on the proposed activities, with a focus on ensuring impacts to Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs and its ecotourism-based economy are analyzed and minimized, to the extent possible.

In response to the possible components of the proposed action identified in your letter, the Service's informal comments are as follows:

#### Levee and bollard walls

In general, the Service recommends considering technology, additional border patrol agents and other mechanisms, when possible, instead of installation of levee or bollard walls.

### *Connectivity*

The Service understands that 10.2 miles of border wall will be constructed on Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs in Hidalgo County, Texas. The Service does not currently have information on specific alignments on Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR in Starr County. Currently, there are 34 miles of existing levee wall in Hidalgo County; the proposed 28 mile addition would result in 62 miles of impermeable barrier, precluding access to habitats by the Federally listed endangered ocelot and jaguarundi, along with other terrestrial species. Reduction of habitat connectivity in portions of the existing wildlife corridor will affect ocelot and jaguarundi movement, impact access to traditional water sources, and reduce potential for gene flow. The Service recommends wildlife openings to allow ocelots, jaguarundis and other wildlife to move through the wall to maintain habitat connectivity.

In Hidalgo County, Santa Ana NWR will be bisected, with substantial acreage south of the proposed wall and less acreage north of the wall. Any acres north of the wall that do not have habitat corridors will represent a direct loss of habitat particularly for ocelots and jaguarundis on refuge land in Texas. The Service requests CBP document and assess these impacts for Starr County when the border wall alignments are determined.

### *Flooding*

The Lower Rio Grande Valley is a flood-prone area. The Service is concerned the levee wall in Hidalgo County could be subject to catastrophic natural flood events, leaving terrestrial wildlife trapped behind the levee wall to drown or starve. This project will likely cause widespread mortality for terrestrial organisms during catastrophic flood events. The Service recommends an assessment of escape routes and consideration of constructing elevated berms south of the levee to allow terrestrial animals to retreat from rising waters during flooding events, as well as leaving the gates open during those events.

### *Fire*

The Santa Ana and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs experience numerous wildfires each year. Fighting wildfire is dangerous, particularly if escape routes are limited due to a border wall. Natural resource protection may be impacted due to public safety and challenges of fighting wildfires south of a border wall.

### *Direct Mortality*

The Service requests best management practices, such as capping hollow bollard/posts, during construction to prevent entrapment of wildlife species during placement of vertical posts/bollards.

### *Socio-economic & Visitor Impacts*

The Service is specifically concerned with potential tourism and visitor impacts. Ongoing efforts by the Service, the state of Texas, private landowners, and non-profit organizations have helped create a wildlife corridor linking numerous isolated habitat fragments in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. These efforts have helped produce habitats that are harboring unique species of plants and animals, making the area a destination for ecotourists.

The economics of Lower Rio Grande Valley wildlife and habitat diversity are important to the international border region, as over 150,000 tourists contribute approximately \$10.8 million annually to the regional economy. The Santa Ana NWR is the most accessible public land for residents of Hidalgo County and approximately 70 percent of visitors come from outside of the local area. Visitors participating in outdoor recreational activities economically benefit the local community. The Service recommends a socio-economic analysis of the proposed wall.

Construction of the border wall, as proposed, will likely affect visitation and the quality of visitor experience. Construction of the border wall along the levee will separate the Santa Ana NWR visitor

center and all administrative facilities (equipment storage, residences, parking lots, etc.) from the rest of the refuge (99 percent of refuge lands). The proposal could result in visitors entering and exiting Santa Ana NWR through a large gate, similar to going through a security checkpoint. This could result in a reduction in visitation due to a perceived unsafe and unwelcoming atmosphere.

#### Enforcement Zones

Construction of a 150-foot enforcement zone will directly remove habitat. The enforcement zone will also create barriers and restrict wildlife movement, especially for species such as ocelots, which require dense brush to travel through. The Service recommends minimizing this zone, as operations allow, especially in and near thick thornscrub and walking trails. We also recommend calculating the direct habitat loss of the 150-foot enforcement zone based on a vegetation and endangered species survey. The proposed cleared enforcement zone in Hidalgo County will directly remove approximately 170 acres of habitat from Lower Rio Grande Valley and Santa Ana NWRs reducing the ability to meet refuge purposes. In Hidalgo County, Refuge System lands will have approximately 7,800 acres south of the proposed wall and 2,400 acres north of the wall. The 2,400 acres represent a direct loss of habitat for ocelots and jaguarundis on Refuge System lands in Texas.

#### Lighting

Increased lighting at night, along the wall, will likely have negative impacts on ocelot, jaguarundi and other nocturnal species by making them more susceptible to predation. The Service recommends down shielding lights to focus away from thornscrub habitat and shining lights only within the enforcement zone. The Service recommends CBP continue to analyze the effects of lighting to nocturnal wildlife and work with the Service to minimize impacts.

#### All Weather Roads

The Service recommends the width of all roads created or maintained by CBP be measured and recorded using Geographic Information System (GPS) coordinates and integrated into the CBP GPS database. The Service suggests maintenance actions not increase the width of the roadbed or the amount of disturbed area beyond the roadbed. The all-weather road within the enforcement zone is capable of high speed use, causing concern for public safety and increased wildlife mortality. The Service requests coordination to address speeding issues.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide informal comments and look forward to future opportunities to discuss the proposed project. Please feel free to contact me at 505-248-6282 if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

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Refuge Manager, South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex, Alamo, Texas  
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## APPROPRIATE USE DETERMINATION

### **Request for Special Use Permit to Conduct Natural Resources Surveys on Segments of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge**

engineering-environmental Management (e<sup>2</sup>M) has been contracted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE)-Fort Worth District, to conduct natural resources surveys along potential Border-fence alignments in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Currently, proposed alignments for ten of the fence segments would traverse segments of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). These segments include the following Refuge tracts: Arroyo Ramirez, Los Negros Creek, Los Ebanos, Granjeno, Rio San Juan, Los Velas, Penitas, Monterrey Banco, Kiskadee, La Coma, Rosario Banco, Phillips Banco, Boscaje de la Palma, and Southmost. e<sup>2</sup>M has requested a Special Use Permit to access and survey a 150 foot wide corridor along alignments TX 0-1, 0-2, 0-3, 0-4, 0-5, 0-7, 0-8, 0-10, 0-18, and 0-21 which encompass the above Refuge tracts.

#### Description of Proposed Use:

##### Natural Resources Surveys

e<sup>2</sup>M has been tasked with conducting reconnaissance-level biological surveys within the above described alignments. Intuitive controlled surveys of the fence corridor would be conducted by senior ecologists. The natural resources surveys are scheduled to commence ASAP, and would be conducted over a 10-day period. Surveyors would walk the entire accessible length of the corridor for each fence segment, and examine in more detail areas containing unique species compositions or habitat that might be conducive to sensitive species. Plot data (GPS coordinates, photographs, and plant community composition) would be recorded at regular intervals along the corridor and where plant communities present substantial shifts in species composition. These data would be used to generate vegetation classifications and maps to support delineation of habitat types, analysis of potential sensitive species occurrences, and analysis of potential project impacts to biological resources. Lists of state-and federal-listed species potentially occurring within the alignment have been developed. Although, no protocol surveys would be conducted, surveyors would specifically look for evidence indicating the presence of state and federal listed species and habitats that might support them. These surveys, would be observational only (i.e., they would not include trapping, digging, or other disturbances). In addition, waters of the U.S., including, but not limited to wetlands, arroyos, and resacas, would be identified during the initial pedestrian survey. These surveys would adhere to the requirements of the 1987 COE Wetland Delineation Manual, which will include investigation to determine the presence of hydric soils. For these surveys, minor digging may be required but all test holes would be refilled in place.

##### Appropriate Use Policy

When a use, or uses, is proposed on a National Wildlife Refuge, those uses are subject to the National Wildlife Refuge System Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy (Service Manual

603 FW1). This policy provides a national framework for determining appropriate refuge uses. It also provides the policy and procedure for refuge managers to follow when deciding if uses are appropriate on a refuge. This policy applies to all proposed and existing uses in the National Wildlife Refuge System when we have jurisdiction over the use. e<sup>2</sup>M has made a written request to obtain a Special Use Permit to conduct Natural Resources Surveys (as described above) on segments of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

The mission of the Refuge System is “*to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.*” The statutory purpose of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is: “*...for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources...*” 16 U.S.C. 742f(a)(4) “*...for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude...*” 16 U.S.C. f(b)(1) (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 742 (a)-754, as amended. Therefore, as described, this use does not fulfill a refuge purpose(s) or the Refuge System mission. Rather than falling under the collection of biological resource information for the purposes of management and conservation of wildlife and habitats, the purposes of these surveys are directly related to assessment of impacts resulting from the possible future installation of pedestrian proof fencing on the Refuge by DHS.

A proposed or existing use on a refuge must meet at least one of the following four conditions to be considered an appropriate use:

- (1) The use is a wildlife-dependent recreational use as identified in the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee (Refuge Administration Act).
- (2) The use contributes to fulfilling the refuge purpose(s), the Refuge System mission, or goals or objectives described in a refuge management plan approved after October 9, 1997 the date the Improvement Act was signed into law.
- (3) The use involves the take of fish and wildlife under State regulations.
- (4) The use has been found to be appropriate as specified in Section 1.11 of the Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy. 1.11A. [Note: This is accomplished by the refuge manager completing FWS Form 3-2319.]

The request by e<sup>2</sup>M to conduct Natural Resources Surveys on segments of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is defined as a Specialized Use (1.10D Appropriate Refuge Uses policy). These uses require specific authorization from the Refuge System, often in the form of a special use permit, letter of authorization, or other permit document. Before the issuance of a special use permit (written authorization), the refuge manager must complete the following: (1) make an “appropriateness finding” as defined in Section 1.11A(3), Appropriate Refuge Uses policy, and then (2) must make a

compatibility determination with a finding that the use is compatible, as defined in the Service Manual, 603 FW 2.

#### Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use (FWS 3-2319)

A Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use has been completed (see Attachment). The use of “Conducting Natural Resource Surveys” has been assessed using factors listed in form FWS 3-2319 and my summary conclusion is that the proposed use is “Appropriate”. This finding has been concurred with by the Refuge Supervisor for Texas/Oklahoma Refuges. Subsequently, a compatibility determination process has been initiated. If the determination is found to be compatible, a special use permit will be developed and issued by the refuge manager. It should be noted that all compatibility determinations are subject to public notice and review.

#### Justification as an Appropriate Use

This use has been determined to be an appropriate use of the refuge based on consistency with the Appropriate Refuge Uses policy including a detailed assessment using the Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use Form, FWS 3-2319. Conducting natural resource surveys on specific tracts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Refuge’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Est. 9/24/97).

Specific Comprehensive Conservation Plan goals and objectives include:

- 5.1 Biological Diversity, Land Protection, and Wildlife and Habitat Management.  
*GOAL: To restore, enhance, and protect the natural diversity of the Lower Rio Grande Valley including threatened and endangered species on and off refuge lands, through (1) land acquisition when appropriate, (2) the management of habitat and wildlife resources on refuge lands, and, (3) by strengthening existing, and establishing new cooperative efforts with public and private conservation agencies, and other government jurisdictions including Mexico.*
- B. Research Objectives
  1. Conduct floral and faunal inventories throughout the area of ecological concern and develop monitoring strategies to detect significant population trends
- C. Endangered Species Objectives
  1. Monitor populations of threatened and endangered floral and faunal species on refuge tracts and throughout the area of ecological concern. Use GIS and Global Positioning Systems to document locations of populations of species of management concern.

Though the overall objective of these surveys is to satisfy the requirements of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) they have the potential to provide much needed biological resources information to the Refuge. The fact that these surveys are related to potential future construction of a Border fence is unrelated to policy and criteria for evaluating appropriate refuge uses. Future requests for right-of-way and construction permits for a Border fence will be evaluated in the same manner, i.e., using Appropriate Use and Compatibility policy and guidance to consider the use. Little information is currently available to the Refuge staff regarding the presence or absence of plant and animal species on these Refuge tracts. Gathering of biological resource data on refuge tracts is important, and can be useful baseline information for refuge managers and biologists assigned to the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.

Regarding the evaluation process contained with FWS Form 3-2319, Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use, it should be noted that under Item (h), i.e., “*Will this be manageable in the future with existing resources*”? These surveys are not expected to extend more than a few months due to time schedules. Thus, the answer to the question is “not applicable”. We did not consult with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department regarding the appropriateness of the use because it falls under routine surveys for flora and fauna and the use will not affect fish, wildlife, or other resources that are of concern to a State fish and wildlife agency.

Prepared by: Kenneth L. Merritt, Project Leader  
South Texas Refuge Complex

Date: September 28, 2007

## APPROPRIATE USE DETERMINATION

### Request for Special Use Permit to Conduct Cultural Resources Surveys on Segments of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge

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#### Description of Proposed Use:

##### Cultural Resources Surveys

e<sup>2</sup>M has been tasked with conducting cultural resources surveys within the above alignments. The nature of the cultural resources survey would depend upon the potential of the specific portion of the alignment to contain cultural resources. The least invasive approach, which would be used for areas determined to have low potential for cultural resources, would be simple pedestrian surveys of all the identified alignments. In areas that present a moderate potential for presence of cultural resources, shovel testing would be employed. Shovel testing involves the careful excavation of areas up to 2 feet in diameter and 5 feet in depth. Depending upon the level of perceived potential in an area, shovel tests may be conducted at up to 16 points per mile. Finally, in areas that have a high probability to contain cultural resources and present deep alluvial sediments, backhoe trenching may be required. Ditches would be up to 33 feet deep, approximately 3.5 feet wide, and may extend for up to 60 feet in length. Backhoe trenching would be the last option utilized for documenting cultural resources. The cultural resources surveys are scheduled to commence the week of October 1, 2007, and would be conducted over a 10-day period. Follow-on surveys to further investigate and/or archive sites potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places may be required.

##### Appropriate Use Policy

When a use or uses are requested, those uses are subject to the National Wildlife Refuge System Appropriate Refuge Uses Policy (Service Manual 603 FW1). This policy provides a national framework for determining appropriate refuge uses. It also provides the policy and procedure for refuge managers to follow when deciding if uses are appropriate on a refuge. This policy applies to all proposed and existing uses in the National Wildlife Refuge System that we have jurisdiction over the use. e<sup>2</sup>M has

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A proposed or existing use on a refuge must meet at least one of the following four conditions:

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### Justification as an Appropriate Use

This use has been determined to be an appropriate use of the refuge based on consistency with the Appropriate Refuge Uses policy and a more detailed assessment using the Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use Form. Conducting cultural resource surveys on specific tracts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (Est. 9/24/97).

Specific Comprehensive Conservation Plan goals and objectives include:

5.4 Cultural Resources. *GOAL: To protect, maintain, and plan for Service managed cultural resources on the Lower Rio Grande Valley/Santa Ana NWR for the benefit of present and future generations.*

Objectives: 1. Coordinate with the SHPO to identify cultural resources on the refuge. Evaluate the status of new sites such as the Casa Yanqui ruins in the Starr County District and submit for additional protection (i.e., National Register) if necessary.

Policy related to Cultural Resources Management is contained in Service Manual 614 FW 1-5. Within Section 5, Authorization to Use, a permit may be issued by the refuge manager to conduct cultural resources studies when: a qualified professional (working for an institution or independently) proposes to conduct non-destructive research or studies on cultural resources. Though the overall objective of these surveys is to insure that cultural resources are protected with the eventual construction of a pedestrian proof fence, they have the potential to add much needed cultural resources information to the refuge. The fact that these surveys are related to potential future construction of a border fence is unrelated to policy and criteria for evaluating appropriate refuge uses. Future requests for right-of-way and construction permits for a Border fence will be evaluated in the same manner: using Appropriate use and Compatibility policy and guidance to consider the use.

Regarding the evaluation process contained with FWS Form 3-2319, Finding of Appropriateness of a Refuge Use, it should be noted that under item (h) Will this be manageable in the future with existing resources? These surveys are not expected to extend more than a few months due to time schedules. Thus, the answer to the question

is “not applicable”. We did not consult with the Texas Parks and Wildlife regarding the appropriateness of the use because it falls under routine surveys for cultural resources and the use will not affect fish, wildlife, or other resources that are of concern to a State fish and wildlife agency.

Prepared by: Kenneth L. Merritt

Date: September 26, 2007

**DRAFT**  
**COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION**

**Use:** Issuance of a Special Use Permit to Engineering-Environmental Management (e<sup>2</sup>M) to conduct Natural Resource Surveys, directly associated with determining the environmental impact(s) of the proposed Border Fence (PF-225) on several river tracts on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (LRGVNWR).

**Refuge Name:** Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (LRGVNWR).

**Refuge Units Affected by Proposed Use:**

Arroyo Ramirez Tract, Los Negros Creek Tract (O-1); Rio San Juan Tract, Los Velas Tract (O-2); Los Ebanos Tract (O-3); Penitas Tract; Kiskadee Wildlife Management Area (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department lands managed under agreement)(O-4); Monterrey Banco Tract (O-7); La Coma Tract (O-8); Rosario Banco Tract (O-10); Phillips Banco Tract (O-18); Boscaje de La Palma Tract, Southmost Tract (O-21).

**Establishing and Acquisition Authorities:**

- Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 [16 U.S.C. 742f(a)(4)], [16 U.S.C. 742f(b)(1)]
- An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes [16 U.S.C. 667b]
- Refuge Recreation Act, as amended [16 U.S.C. 460k-1], [16 U.S.C. 460k-2]
- Migratory Bird Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 715d]
- National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997

**Refuge Purpose(s):** As excerpted from the enabling legislation used to authorize the acquisition of the Refuge, the following are the Refuge purposes:

"... for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources ..." [16 U.S.C. 742f(a)(4)] "... for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude ..." [16 U.S.C. 742f(b)(1)] (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956)

"... particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program." [16 U.S.C. 667b] (An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes)

"... suitable for: (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of endangered species or threatened species ..." [16 U.S.C. 460k-1] "... the Secretary ... may accept and use ... real ... property. Such acceptance may be accomplished under the terms and conditions of restrictive covenants imposed by donors ..." [16 U.S.C. 460k-2] (Refuge Recreation Act [16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4], as amended)

"... for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." [16 U.S.C. 715d] (Migratory Bird Conservation Act)

The Lower Rio Grande Valley and Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuges Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) of 1997 satisfies the CCP requirement of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and identifies the following five goals of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge:

- To restore, enhance and protect biological diversity.
- To protect and obtain additional water rights, improve water management, and protect, restore and enhance wetlands.
- To improve water quality and reduce contaminant related fish and wildlife resource losses.
- To protect, maintain and plan for cultural resources.
- To offer compatible wildlife dependent public uses, recreational opportunities, and interpretation and education.

**National Wildlife Refuge System Mission:** "The Mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans."

#### **Description of Proposed Use:**

##### Natural Resources Surveys

e2M has been tasked with conducting reconnaissance-level biological surveys within the above described alignments. Intuitive controlled surveys of the fence corridor would be conducted by senior ecologists. The natural resources surveys are scheduled to commence ASAP, and would be conducted over a 10-day period. Surveyors would walk the entire accessible length of the corridor for each fence segment, and examine in more detail areas containing unique species compositions or habitat that might be conducive to sensitive species. Plot data (GPS coordinates, photographs, and plant community composition) would be recorded at regular intervals along the corridor and where plant communities present substantial shifts in species composition. These data would be used to generate vegetation classifications and maps to support delineation of habitat types, analysis of potential sensitive species occurrences, and analysis of potential project impacts to biological resources. Lists of state-and federal-listed species potentially occurring within the alignment have been developed. Although, no protocol surveys would be conducted, surveyors would specifically look for evidence indicating the presence of state and federal listed species and habitats that might support them. These surveys, would be observational only (i.e., they would not include trapping, digging, or other disturbances). In addition, waters of the U.S., including, but not limited to wetlands, arroyos, and resacas, would be identified during the initial pedestrian survey. These surveys would adhere to the requirements of the 1987 COE Wetland Delineation Manual, which will include investigation to determine the presence of hydric soils. For these surveys, minor digging may be required but all test holes would be refilled in place.

**Availability of Resources:** Additional fiscal resources are needed to permit and monitor this use. A designated Refuge staff person will need to be made available daily to oversee this activity, since the ultimate intent of the natural resource survey is to establish the environmental feasibility of installing significant infrastructure--which is currently not permitted. Therefore, Refuge personnel will need to oversee this activity so that refuge resources are protected throughout the survey, and that un-permitted duties associated with the project are not initiated prematurely. The LRGVNRW staff will provide oversight during all aspects of the investigation, to ensure compatibility stipulations are met, and to insure permit compliance while on-refuge work occurs. The necessary

effort required to issue and oversee the natural resource surveys cannot be accomplished with existing resources and staff without undue hardship to other refuge programs. Recent staff transfers and personnel shortage further complicate the Refuge's ability to properly and adequately oversee this activity.

**Anticipated Impacts of the Use:** This Phase of the proposed project will have negligible impacts to Refuge resources. Only hand-trimming of branches (native vegetation) will be allowed. No loss of habitat will be permitted. No new roads or trails will be permitted. Natural Resource Surveys, as permitted, could actually have benefits to the refuge if surveyors identify (and disclose) additional locations of rare and endangered plants, assuming surveys are sufficiently thorough and adequate. All flagging and stakes will likely remain upon cessation of this Phase of the project. This will enable Refuge leadership to view the survey work and ascertain whether sufficient modifications to Project alignment were considered in order to minimize/avoid destroying Refuge vegetation and threatened/endangered species habitat will be sufficiently safeguarded. Special Use Permit issuance for subsequent phases of the project could be contingent upon findings and proposed alignment resulting from the natural resource survey work. Some wildlife disturbance, excess survey flagging, contractor garbage/trash, and un-retrieved stakes/flagging is likely to result from this Phase of the proposed project.

Associated inadvertent impacts of this activity could be negative press coverage associated with the proposed project. Very little local support is present for the proposed project. Refuge staff cooperation in authorizing E<sup>2</sup>M to access Refuge lands under Special Use Permit for any reason could be perceived by environmental supporters and conservation groups as unsatisfactory.

**Public Review and Comment:** Public notices of the Draft Compatibility Determination will be advertised in local newspapers (*The Valley Morning Star*, *Brownsville Herald*, *The Monitor*) at Refuge expense. Public comments will be solicited during October, 2007.

**Determination (check one below):**

Use is Not Compatible

Use is Compatible with Following Stipulations

**Stipulations Necessary to Ensure Compatibility:**

Prior to the implementation of the project:

1. No work will begin without obtaining a Special Use Permit from the Refuge and without daily notification and coordination with the Refuge Manager regarding particular sites/locations of that days' activities; Any and all federally mandated consultations (by Ecological Services or otherwise) and the procurement of any other necessary permits (access rights-of-way, etc.) will be obtained by E<sup>2</sup>M and its assigns, including, but not limited to, those required by the COE and the Texas State Historic Preservation Office (a.k.a. SHPO).
2. Vegetated areas will be accessed/surveyed on foot only.
3. All efforts will be made to recognize and avoid terrestrial wildlife to reduce the risk of unnecessary mortality.
4. While work is being conducted, vehicles and equipment must remain on designated Refuge

roads. No off-road access is permitted.

5. All other stipulations and/or rules from *General Conditions and Operating Procedures While on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge* will be strictly adhered to.

**Justification:** The Refuge acknowledges that this phase of the overall project is a component (natural resource surveys) that can be justified since the presence of threatened or endangered species, and otherwise rare species could be observed during this course of the investigation. For the sole purposes of evaluating appropriateness and compatibility, natural resource surveys will not materially interfere with or detract from, and may actually add to our basic understanding and knowledge, of the resources present on refuge lands. Natural resource surveys, albeit affiliated and associated with the proposed Border Fence (PF-225) initiative, will enable Refuge leadership to better evaluate what the measurable, site-specific impacts of the fence could/will be in the event that the project proceeds. Without authorizing natural resource surveys, the impacts of the project cannot be fully and accurately measured.

**Submitted by:** Refuge Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Date)

**Signature:** Project Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Date)

**Concurrence:** Regional Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Date)

**Mandatory 10- or 15-year Re-Evaluation Date:** \_\_October 21, 2017\_\_

Fish and Wildlife Service policy states that after November 17, 2002 no uses on a refuge will be permitted for a period longer than 10 years, unless the terms and conditions for such long-term permits (e.g., easements) specifically allows for the modification to the terms and conditions of the permit, if necessary, to ensure compatibility.

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**COMPATIBILITY DETERMINATION**

**Use:** engineering-environmental Management, Inc. (e<sup>2</sup>M) proposes to conduct cultural resources surveys on fourteen (14) Refuge tracts within the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (LRGVNWR). These surveys are directly associated with determining the environmental impact(s) of the proposed Border Fence (PF-225) in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas.

**Refuge Name:** Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Refuge tracts likely to be surveyed: Arroyo Ramirez, Los Negros Creek, Rio San Juan, Granjeno, Kiskadee, Penitas, Los Velas, Los Ebanos, Monterrey Banco, La Coma, Rosario Banco, Phillips Banco, Boscaje de La Palma, and Southmost.

**Establishing and Acquisition Authorities:**

- Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956 [16 U.S.C. 742f(a)(4)], [16 U.S.C. 742f(b)(1)]
- An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes [16 U.S.C. 667b]
- Refuge Recreation Act, as amended [16 U.S.C. 460k-1], [16 U.S.C. 460k-2]
- Migratory Bird Conservation Act [16 U.S.C. 715d]
- National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997

**Refuge Purpose(s):** As excerpted from the enabling legislation used to authorize the acquisition of the Refuge, the following are the Refuge purposes:

"... for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources ..." [16 U.S.C. 742f(a)(4)] "... for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude ..." [16 U.S.C. 742f(b)(1)] (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956)

"... particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program." [16 U.S.C. 667b] (An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes)

"... suitable for: (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of endangered species or threatened species ..." [16 U.S.C. 460k-1] "... the Secretary ... may accept and use ... real ... property. Such acceptance may be accomplished under the terms and conditions of restrictive covenants imposed by donors ..." [16 U.S.C. 460k-2] (Refuge Recreation Act [16 U.S.C. 460k-460k-4], as amended)

"... for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds." [16 U.S.C. 715d] (Migratory Bird Conservation Act)

The Lower Rio Grande Valley and Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuges Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) of 1997 satisfies the CCP requirement of the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997 and identifies the following five goals of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge:

- To restore, enhance and protect biological diversity.
- To protect and obtain additional water rights, improve water management, and protect, restore and enhance wetlands.
- To improve water quality and reduce contaminant related fish and wildlife resource losses.
- To protect, maintain and plan for cultural resources.
- To offer compatible wildlife dependent public uses, recreational opportunities, and interpretation and education.

**National Wildlife Refuge System Mission:** “The Mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System is to administer a national network of lands and waters for the conservation, management, and where appropriate, restoration of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources and their habitats within the United States for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans.”

**Description of Proposed Use:**

Cultural Resources Surveys

e<sup>2</sup>M has been tasked by the Corps of Engineers – Fort Worth District, with conducting cultural resources surveys within the above listed Refuge tracts. The nature of the cultural resources survey would depend upon the potential of the specific portion of the alignment to contain cultural resources. The least invasive approach, which would be used for areas determined to have low potential for cultural resources, would be simple pedestrian surveys of all the identified alignments. There are no known cultural resource sites within the proposed corridors of the surveys. However, e<sup>2</sup>M has included in their request, contingencies for areas that present a moderate or high potential for presence of cultural resources. In areas that present moderate potential, shovel testing would be employed. Shovel testing involves the careful excavation of areas up to 2 feet in diameter and 5 feet in depth. Depending upon the level of perceived potential in an area, shovel tests may be conducted at up to 16 points per mile. Finally, in areas that have a high probability to contain cultural resources and present deep alluvial sediments, backhoe trenching may be required. Ditches would be up to 33 feet deep, approximately 3.5 feet wide, and may extend for up to 60 feet in length. Backhoe trenching would be the last option utilized for documenting cultural resources. The cultural resources surveys are scheduled to commence as soon as possible (pending the issuance of a special use permit) and would be conducted over a 10-day period. Follow-on surveys to further investigate and/or archive sites potentially eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places may be required. Any collections of cultural resources would require the issuance of a permit under the Archeological Resources Protection Act and the Antiquities Act. This permit is issued by the Regional Director.

**Availability of Resources:** No additional fiscal resources will be needed due to this use as long as surveys are carried out utilizing pedestrian surveys (only). If areas are identified during the surveys that indicate moderate or high potential cultural resources, additional fiscal and staff resources may be required. The LRGV NWR staff will provide oversight during all aspects of the investigation, to ensure compatibility stipulations are met, and to insure permit compliance with on-refuge work. Effort required to issue and oversee the special use permit can be accomplished with existing resources as long as pedestrian only surveys are employed. More intensive surveys for moderate to high potential sites will require additional staff and fiscal resources as well as permits.

**Anticipated Impacts of the Use:** Cultural resource surveys conducted by e2M will be conducted on foot or using existing trails or roads within each of the listed Refuge tracts. Vehicles will be permitted only on existing roads and only hand-trimming of tree branches will be authorized. Cultural resource surveys will disturb and temporarily displace wildlife but this affect is expected to be temporal and insignificant. Surveys would occur during daylight hours only and would not affect nocturnal species. Due to the methods employed in areas of low potential for cultural resources, there should be little if any damage to wildlife or vegetation. This use is expected to have negligible impacts to Refuge resources. However, upon the identification of moderate to high potential sites by the contractor and proposals to utilize hand digging and/or heavy equipment, amended special use permits or archeological permits will be required. These amended permits or archeological permits may contain additional stipulations as necessary to protect wildlife and vegetation. It is also possible that activities prescribed for moderate or high potential sites would not be permitted. Depending on the proposed action, it may be necessary to reevaluate this Compatibility Determination. If a new Compatibility Determination is required, it would include additional public comment.

**Public Review and Comment:** Public notices of the Draft Compatibility Determination will be advertised in local newspapers (*The Valley Morning Star, Brownsville Herald, The Monitor*). Comments will be received from October 7 through October 21, 2007. All comments must be written and received via mail, email or delivered in person to the Santa Ana Refuge Headquarters.

**Determination (check one below):**

Use is Not Compatible

Use is Compatible with Following Stipulations

**Stipulations Necessary to Ensure Compatibility:**

Prior to the implementation of the project:

1. No work will begin without obtaining a Special Use Permit from the Refuge Manager. Daily work activities will be closely coordinated with the LRGVNRW Refuge Manager regarding particular sites/locations and access routes.
2. Vegetated areas will be surveyed on foot only.
3. Vegetation may be cut using hand tools only and only for the purpose of conducting the survey.
4. No digging with shovels or heavy equipment is permitted without prior consultation with the Refuge Manager.
5. All efforts will be made to recognize and avoid terrestrial wildlife to reduce the risk of unnecessary mortality.
6. While work is being conducted, vehicles and equipment must remain on designated Refuge roads. No off-road access is permitted. Vehicles will not be permitted on Refuge roads during wet conditions.
7. All survey personnel will be accompanied by Refuge Law Enforcement Officers (as available) or Border Patrol Agents when present on Refuge lands.
8. All other stipulations and/or rules from *General Conditions and Operating Procedures While on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge* will be strictly adhered to.

**Justification:** Though the overall objective of these surveys is to gather cultural resource information related to the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and identification of endangered and threatened species related to Section 7 (Endangered Species) Consultation for the future construction of the Border Fence, these surveys have the potential to provide much needed cultural resource information to the Refuge. Little information is currently available to the Refuge Staff regarding the presence or absence of cultural resources on these Refuge tracts. Gathering of cultural resource data on Refuge tracts is important, and can be useful baseline information for Refuge Managers and Biologists assigned to the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge. Service Policy related to cultural resources is established in Service Manual 614 FW 1-5. Under Section 1.2 Objectives, A. the objectives for managing cultural resources are to: "Protect, maintain, and plan for the use of Service managed cultural resources for the benefit of present and future generations." The Santa Ana/Lower Rio Grande Valley Comprehensive Conservation Plan goals and objectives include: 5.4 Cultural Resources. GOAL: "to protect, maintain, and plan for Service managed cultural resources on the Lower Rio Grande Valley/Santa Ana NWR for the benefit of present and future generations." Objectives: 1. "Coordinate with the SHPO to identify cultural resources on the refuge. Evaluate the status of new sites such as the Casa Yanqui ruins in the Starr County District and submit for additional protection (i.e., National Register) if necessary." These cultural resource surveys will not materially interfere with or detract from the purposes of the Refuge and have the potential to add to the Refuge's basic understanding and knowledge of the resources present on Refuge lands. Methods and procedures specified in the proposed use are not likely to significantly impact wildlife or wildlife habitat within the Refuge. The fact that these surveys are related to potential future construction of a Border Fence on Refuge lands is not considered a factor in determining whether the use is Compatible.

**Signature:** Project Leader \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature and Date)

**Concurrence:** Regional Chief \_\_\_\_\_  
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**"Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
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**CC:**  
**Subject:** Meeting with CBP on 9/12/17

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End of Report

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bryan

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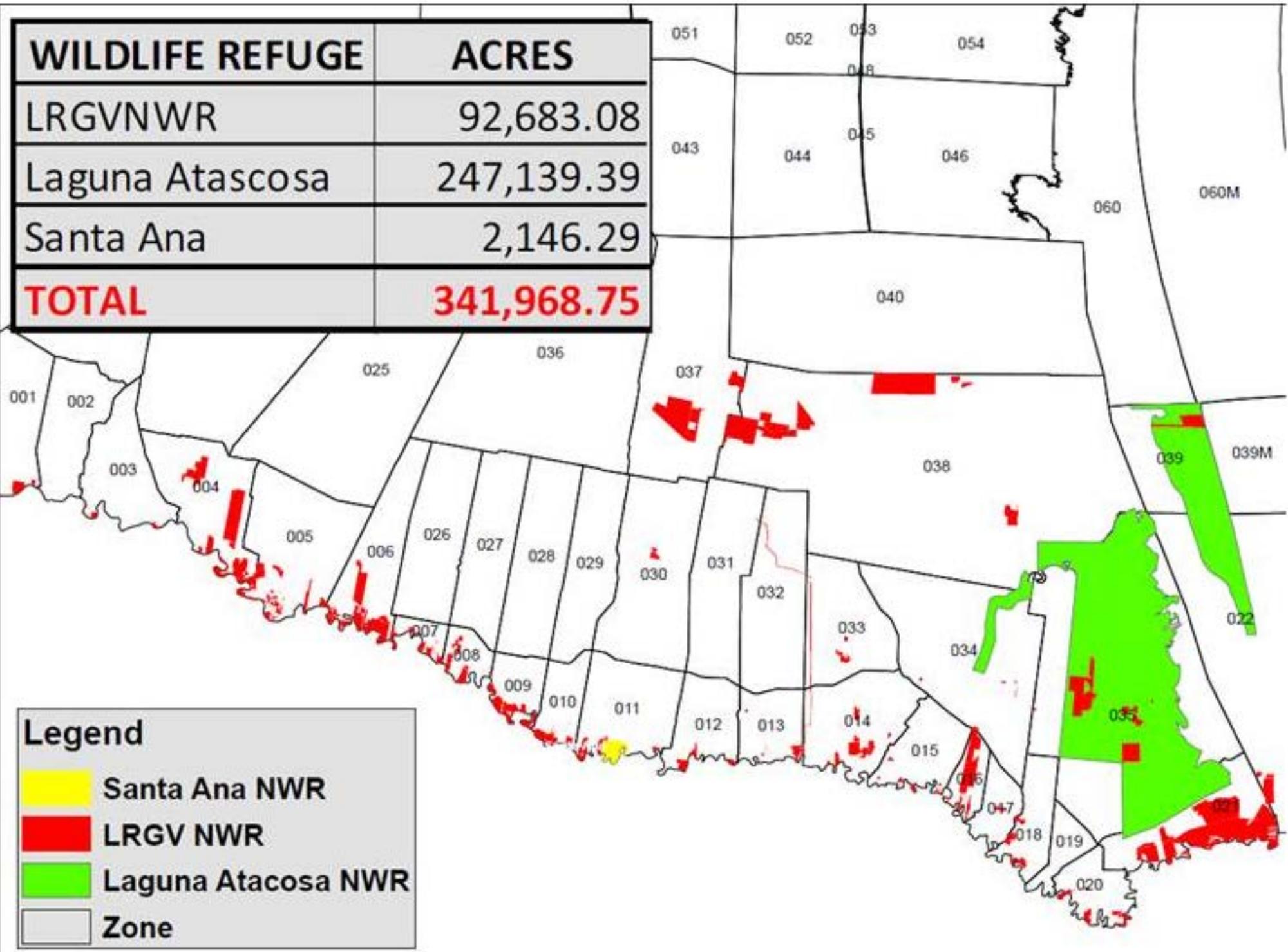
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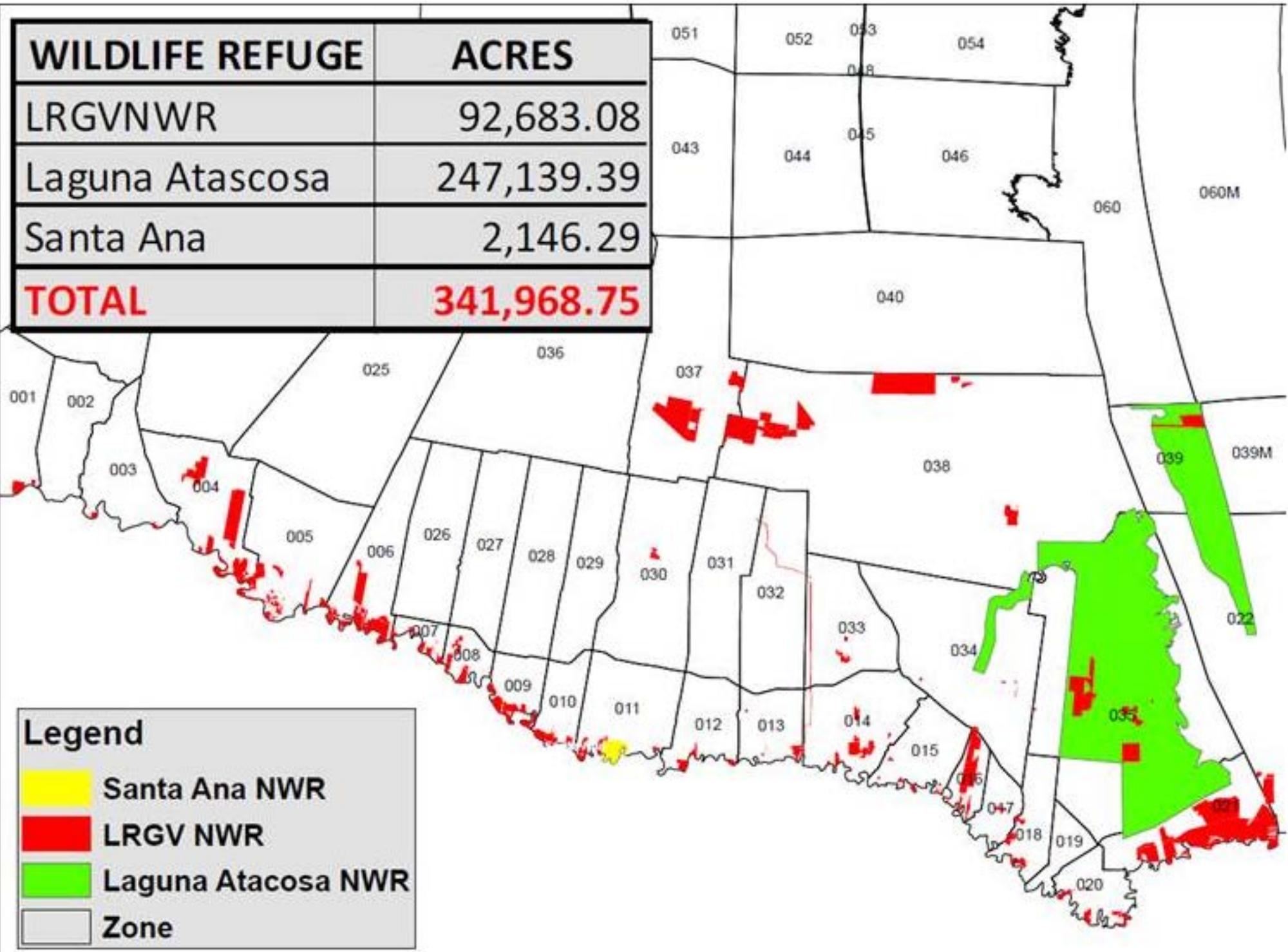


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**Acreage Summary for South Texas Refuge Complex lands owned in fee and managed acres (easement, agreement, or lease) applied towards land acquisition caps, by refuge in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas (as of October 2016)\***

**Santa Ana NWR**

Hidalgo County -- 2,087.5 acres (represents **0.2%** of the total land area in Hidalgo County)

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*Total: 2,087.5 acres*

**Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR**

Cameron County – 38,103 acres (represents **6.7%** of the total land area in Cameron County)

Hidalgo County – 24,081 acres (represents **2.4%** of the total land area in Hidalgo County)

Starr County – 13,589.2 acres (represents **1.7%** of the total land area in Starr County)

Willacy County – 20,110.2 acres (represents **5.3%** of the total land area in Willacy County)

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*Total: 96,458.4 acres*

**Laguna Atascosa NWR**

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**Valley-wide Refuge Total: 189,596.4 acres or 6.93% of the total land area in the Valley**

Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR land acquisition goal: 132,500 acres (acres remaining: 36,041.6)

Laguna Atascosa NWR land acquisition goal: 153,314 acres (acres remaining: 61,687.8)

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Total land area in Valley by county:

Cameron – 570,188.8 acres

Hidalgo – 1,005,356.8 acres

Starr -- 782,835.2 acres

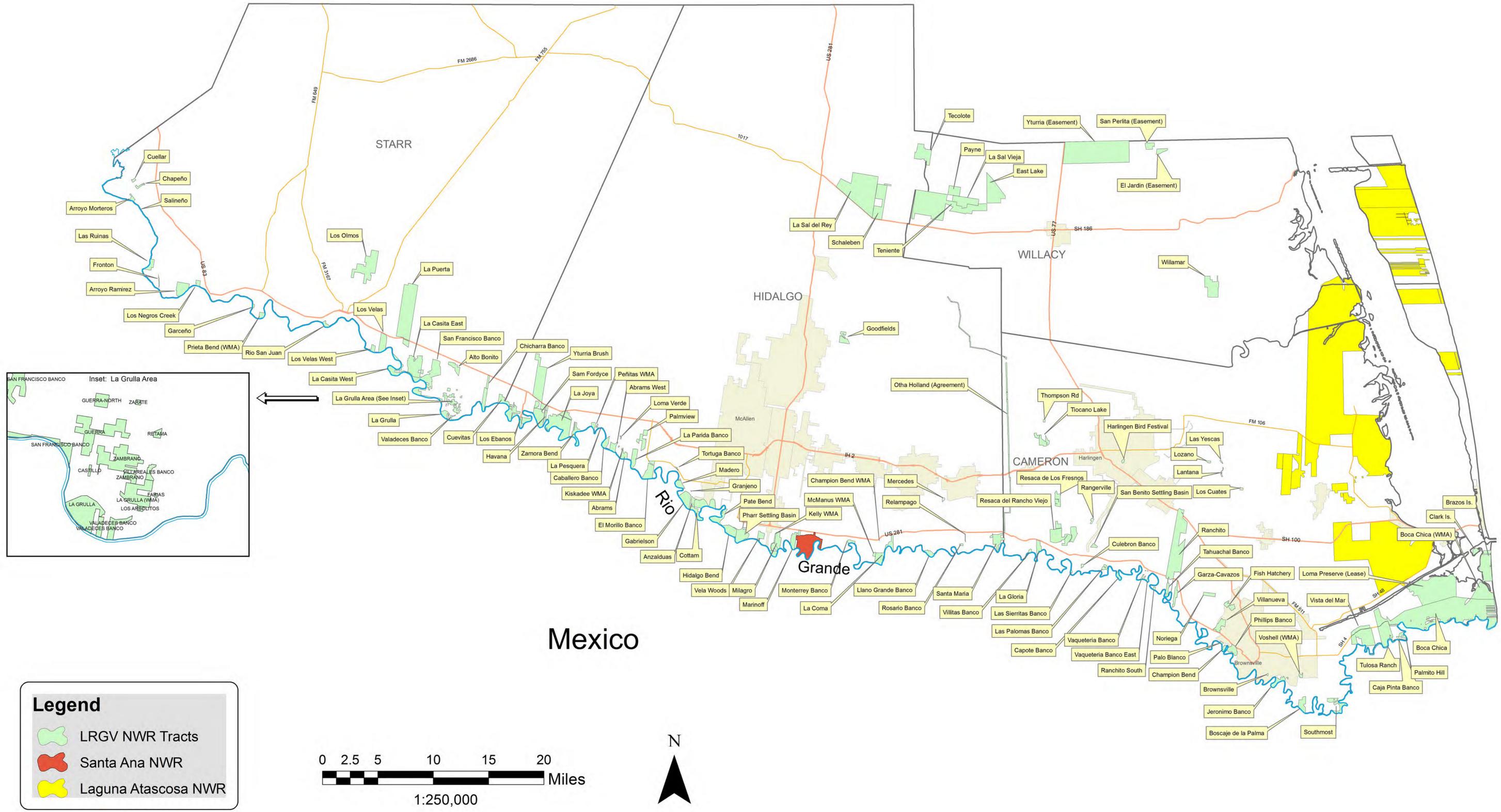
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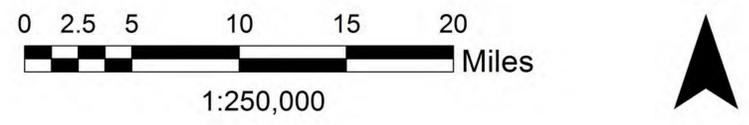
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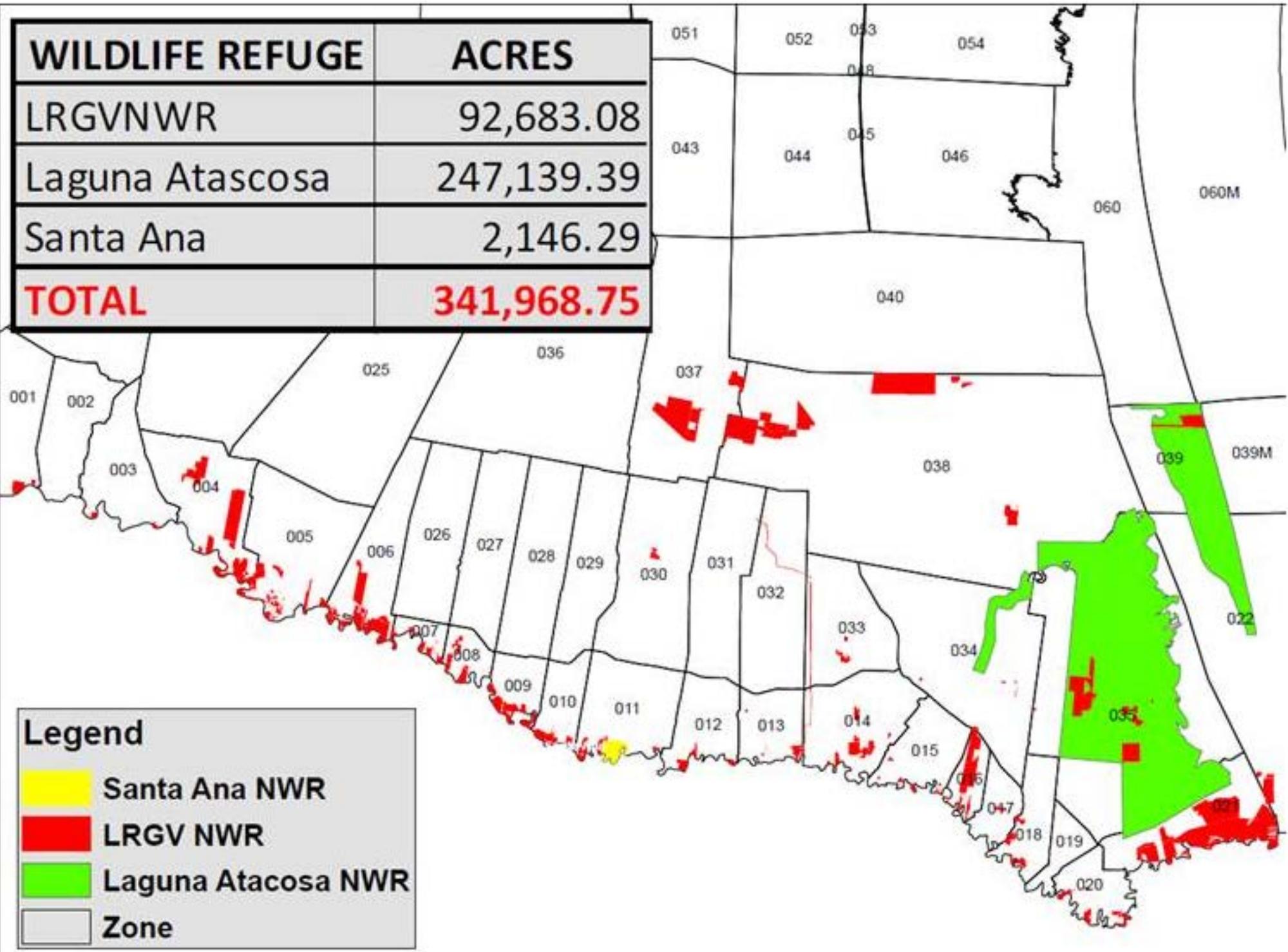


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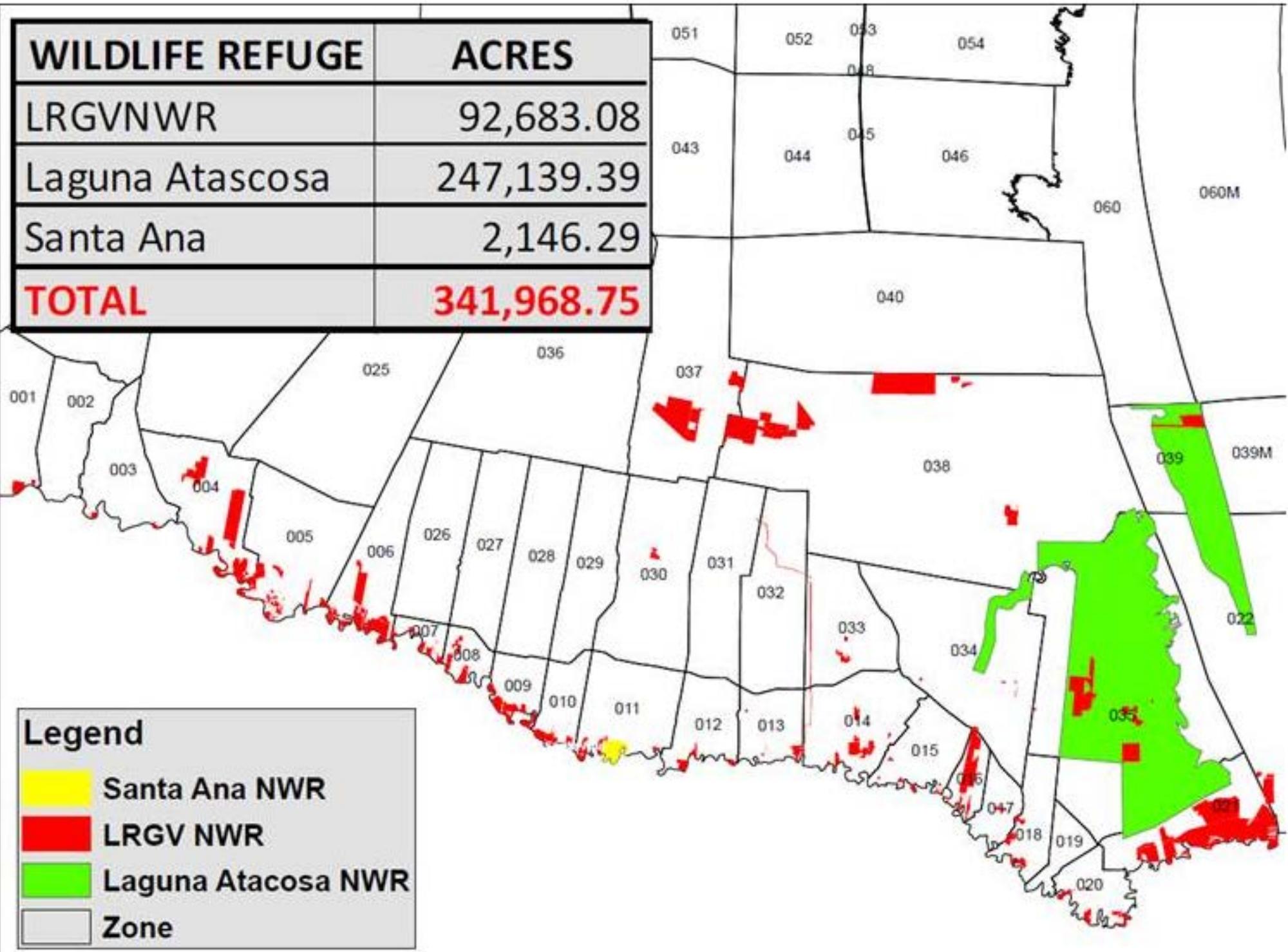


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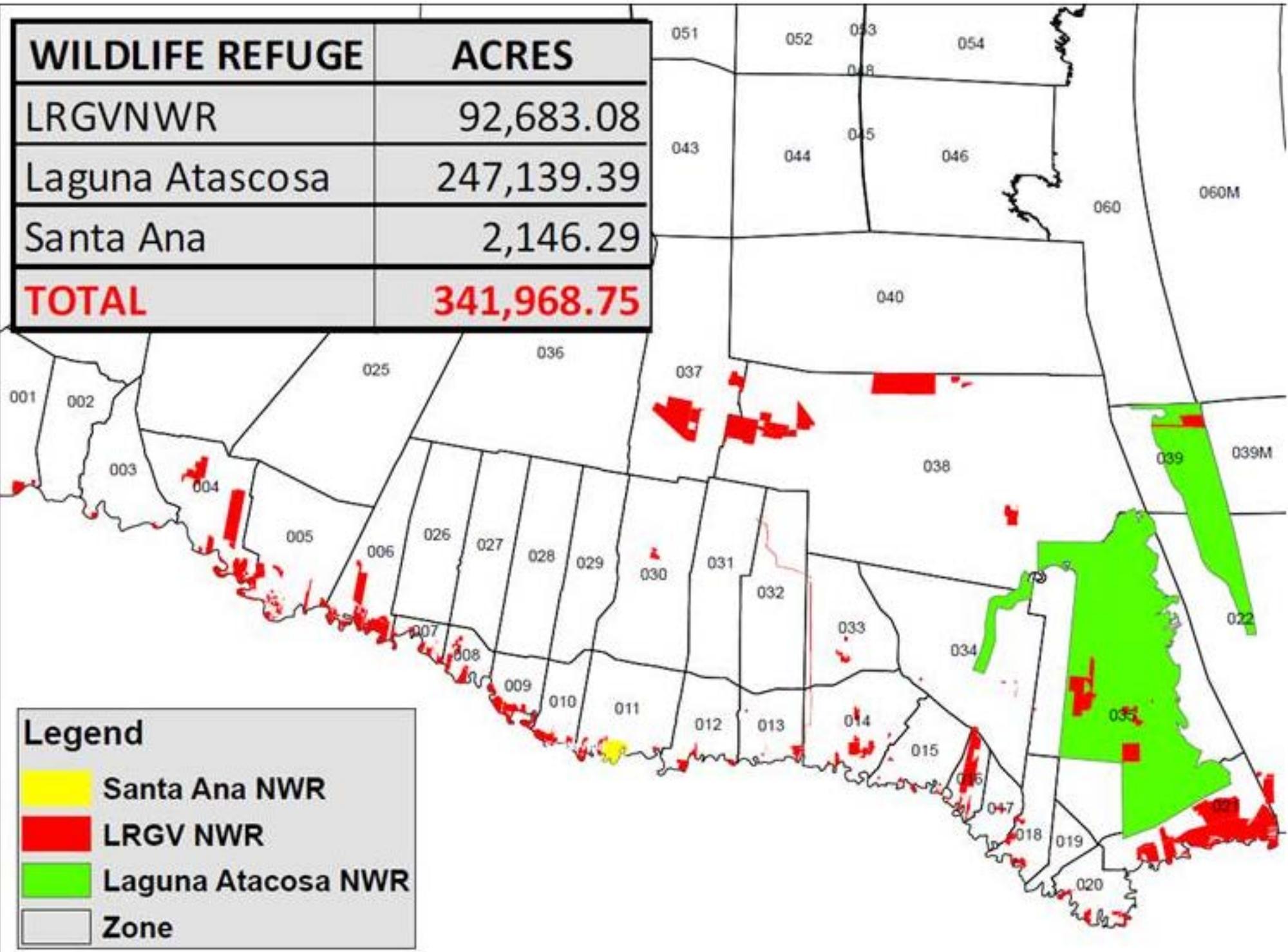
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Valley-wide Refuge Total: 189,596.4 acres or 6.93% of the total land area in the Valley

WILDLIFE REFUGE	ACRES
LRGVNWR	92,683.08
Laguna Atascosa	247,139.39
Santa Ana	2,146.29
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>341,968.75</b>



Legend	
	Santa Ana NWR
	LRGV NWR
	Laguna Atascosa NWR
	Zone

### Santa Ana NWR

Hidalgo County -- 2,087.5 acres (represents 0.2% of the total land area in Hidalgo County)

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**Total: 2,087.5 acres**

### Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR

Cameron County -- 38,103 acres (represents 6.7% of the total land area in Cameron County)

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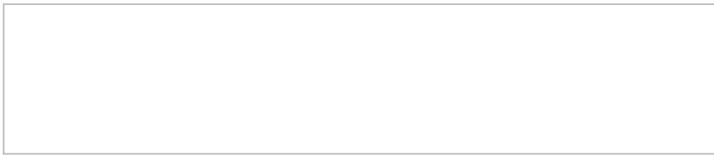
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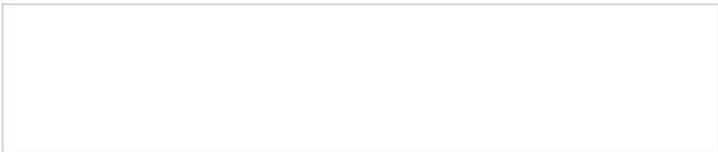
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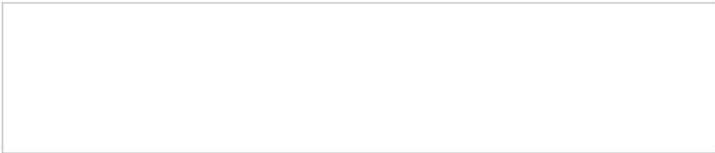
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**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 2017 07:24:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Bryan\_Winton@fws.gov" <Bryan\_Winton@fws.gov>  
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**Sent:** Thursday, August 24, 2017 11:14 AM

**To:** Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 22, 2017 4:03:18 PM

**To:** Perez, Chris

**Cc:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**Subject:** RE: USFWS Acreage

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**Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>**

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**From:** Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Aug 25 2017 07:47:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov  
**CC:** Scot Edler <scot\_edler@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: USFWS Acreage

The information Chris Perez is most accurate. Laguna Atascosa and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs are both right at 100K acres each. The total acreage for all 3 which includes Santa Ana NWR is just under 200K acres.  
Bryan

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 25, 2017, at 8:25 AM (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov wrote:

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(b) (6),  
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It appears that the only discrepancy in the numbers causing them not to add up to the total at the bottom is the second group listed below.

It appears that the 189,596.5 is correct.

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Respectfully

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
RGV Wall Project Delivery Team  
Public Affairs Liaison  
Cell (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
Office (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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Interagency Borderland Coordinator  
Department of the Interior  
Office of the Secretary  
1849 C Street NW, Room 5128  
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Dear (b) (6), (b) (7)

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is in the initial stages of planning for proposed levee wall along 28 miles of existing levee located in Hidalgo County, Texas within the U.S. Border Patrol's McAllen and Weslaco stations area of responsibility (AOR) and 32 miles of bollard wall in Starr County, Texas within the U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande City station AOR. In addition, CBP is in the planning stages of its second phase of gate installation to close 35 gaps in existing border fence in Hidalgo and Cameron counties. The 35 gates were funded in CBP's fiscal year (FY) 2017 appropriation, while the proposed 28 miles of levee wall and 32 miles of bollard wall are included in the President's FY18 budget request to Congress.

In Hidalgo County, CBP is proposing 28 miles of levee wall. The proposed levee wall alignment will be on the south face of the northern U.S. International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) levee. The proposed design includes construction of a reinforced concrete levee wall to the height of the existing levee with 18-foot tall steel bollards installed on the top of the levee wall, a possible 150-foot enforcement zone on the south/river side of the levee wall, detection technology, enforcement zone lighting, video surveillance, automated vehicle gates, pedestrian gates, and an all-weather patrol road parallel to the levee wall. In addition, CBP will install gates within 20 gaps in existing border levee wall within Hidalgo County and in 15 existing gaps within Cameron County.

In Starr County, CBP is proposing 32 miles of bollard wall. The proposed design includes construction of 20 to 30-foot tall steel bollards, a possible 150-foot enforcement zone on the south/river side of the bollard wall, detection technology, enforcement zone lighting, video surveillance, and an all-weather patrol road parallel to the bollard wall.

Additional details of the possible components of the proposed action are as follows:

- **Levee Wall** -The levee wall will be a concrete wall to the height of the levee crest with 18 foot tall bollards installed in the top of the levee wall.
- **Bollard Wall** – The bollard wall will be 20 to 30 feet high utilizing 8-inch diameter, concrete filled steel bollards.
- **150 Foot Enforcement Zone** – The enforcement zone will be an area extending from the south/river side of the levee wall or bollard wall approximately 150 feet. All vegetation within the 150-foot enforcement zone will be cleared.
- **Gates** - Automated vehicle gates will be installed with a minimum height of 18 feet and minimum width of 20 feet. In addition, gates designed to allow for farming equipment will be installed where appropriate and range in width from 40 to 50 feet. All gates will be motorized overhead sliding gates with an enclosed drive and operator system.

- **Lighting** - LED lighting will be installed as part of this project. CBP will work with the appropriate stakeholders to develop solutions to avoid excess lighting beyond the enforcement zone.
- **All Weather Road** - An all-weather aggregate patrol road (type FC-2) will be constructed on the south side and parallel to the levee or bollard wall and within the 150-foot enforcement zone. The specific location of the road within the enforcement zone will be determined during the design phase of the project.
- **Cameras** - A camera surveillance system will be installed to ensure visibility of the enforcement zone and southern approach.

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase CBP's ability to impede or deny illegal border crossings, and to provide improved surveillance and detection capabilities to the areas of greatest risk of illegal cross-border activity located within the US. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector. The proposed action will be similar to other levee and border wall systems located within the Rio Grande Valley Sector. The proposed action will also support CBPs action under Executive Order (EO) 13767, where CBP is directed to "...secure the southern border of the United States through the immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border, monitored and supported by adequate personnel so as to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terrorism."

CBP will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. CBP is gathering data and input from state and local government agencies, federal agencies, and Native American Tribes that may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the proposed actions. Since your agency or organization may have particular knowledge and expertise regarding the potential environmental impacts from CBP's proposed action, your input is sought regarding the likely or anticipated effects to biological, cultural, and natural resources from the implementation of the proposed actions. Your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements with which CBP should consider during project siting, construction, and operation.

This letter is intended to provide initial information for CBP's proposed projects in the Rio Grande Valley and seek comments and concerns from potentially affected parties and interested groups. CBP intends similar outreach in other border regions as projects are identified and defined. Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. Comments and information will be accepted up to 30 days following the date of this letter. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at (b) (6), (b) (7) @cbp.dhs.gov. Please include "RGV Wall and Gates Construction" in the title of your email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Robert Jess, Manager  
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August 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Jess:

The Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (FLANWR) is writing this letter to express our opposition to the proposed 3-mile border wall through the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

The mission of FLANWR is to support and enhance the Laguna Atascosa NWR, which is located approximately 60 miles east of the Santa Anna NWR. We believe that the ecological and social impacts from this proposed wall have the potential to negatively affect the Santa Ana NWR and the surrounding communities, including the Laguna Atascosa NWR.

The Santa Ana NWR provides habitat that is historically vital for federally listed species like the endangered jaguarundi and ocelot and is essential for efforts underway to recover the U.S. ocelot population. Ocelot conservation and management is one of the highest priorities for the Laguna Atascosa NWR, and maintaining a natural river corridor is essential to connect U.S. and Mexico ocelot populations in order to maintain genetic diversity. With access literally cut off, the U.S. population would suffer from a lack of genetic diversity.

Recent reports have even suggested the wall could block public access to the Santa Anna NWR visitor center and many birding trails, including the canopy walk and tower. This will very likely reduce visitation at the Santa Ana NWR, as was seen after the border wall cut access off to the World Birding Center at the Hidalgo Pumphouse. The 2,088-acre Santa Ana NWR is one of the top bird-watching destinations in the U.S., hosting more than 400 species of birds. Known as the "crown jewel" of the National Wildlife Refuge system, the Santa Ana NWR attracts an estimated 160,000 visitors per year<sup>1</sup> and contributes substantially to the \$463 million annual<sup>2</sup> ecotourism economy in the Rio

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/state--regional/border-wall-may-sidestep-review-and-cut-off-access-wildlife-refuge/vqdQYHIUXpRdUYX76VtGAN/>

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Grande Valley (Valley). For most out of town visitors, the Santa Ana Refuge is one of the primary reasons for visiting the Valley<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, reduced visitation at the Santa Ana NWR translates to decreased ecotourism in the Valley, which will affect other natural areas, including the Laguna Atascosa NWR.

Finally, FLANWR cannot support actions in any National Wildlife Refuge system that circumvent environmental protections and public input processes such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act that would normally be applied to a construction project like this. The 2008 amendment to the border wall legislation that required Homeland Security to consult with local stakeholders to “minimize the impact on the environment, culture, commerce and quality of life” needs to be upheld as well. Given the unique biodiversity, presence of numerous endangered species, and high visitation at the Santa Ana NWR, omitting any environmental review and public input for a project with such a high capacity to cause ecological and social impacts is particularly unconscionable.

With reports that the border wall through the Santa Ana NWR will begin construction as early as November, your urgency on opposing this issue is critical. Construction of this 3-mile segment of the border wall through the Santa Ana NWR before completing a total legislatively approved border wall plan, securing all funds and legal rights to build it through the mostly private property along the border, determining the environmental effects of the existing wall already present in the Rio Grande Valley, and exploring other options such as utilizing technology instead of a wall, will be nothing more than devastating, expensive, and an unnecessary overreach of the executive branch.

Sincerely,



Robert Severson, President

Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge

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<sup>2</sup> Texas A&M University, 2011. Economic Impact of Nature Tourism on the Rio Grande Valley: Considering Peak and Off-Peak Visitation for 2011

<sup>3</sup> Dietsch, AM, NR Sexton, L Koontz, and SJ Conk. 2012. National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Survey 2012: Individual Refuge Results for Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge



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October XX, 2017

Robert Severson  
President  
Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge  
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Dear Mr. Severson:

Thank you for your letter dated August 15, 2017, regarding the proposed border wall in South Texas. The Service has been coordinating with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to provide input on the replacement of existing infrastructure and construction of new border security infrastructure. In general, our areas of interests are similar to those discussed during initial border wall/fence construction in 2008.

At this time, we have yet to receive an explicit construction proposal from CBP. Once there such a proposal, CBP can request formal consultation with the Service under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Nation Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

The Service will continue to work with CBP on any proposed activities, through formal and informal processes, to minimize impacts to the region's national wildlife refuges and natural resources.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

[Rob?]

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**Subject:** DRAFT FLANWR response letter  
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**Subject:** Re: DRAFT FLANWR response letter

I will take a look at it now. The letter also came directly to the RD, so we will need to determine who signs.

Monica

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On Wed, Oct 4, 2017 at 2:22 PM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:

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August 2, 2017 – Meeting with CBP and FWS – re: Border Wall @ Santa Ana NWR

In attendance:

Project Leader, Robert Jess, South Texas Refuge Complex

Refuge Manager, Bryan Winton, Santa Ana/Lower Rio Grande Valley NWRs

Sector Chief, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Rio Grande Valley Sector, Customs & Border Protection

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), Patrol Agent in Charge, Weslaco Station, CBP

Date/Location of meeting:

Wednesday, August 2, 2017,

11am-12pm at Santa Ana NWR

Conference Room

We met to obtain feedback from Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) regarding the CBP Border Wall and related infrastructure south of the IBWC Levee adjacent to Santa Ana NWR and Marinoff Tract, Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR—adjacent properties that total 2.9 miles of levee frontage.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) mentioned the recent press by Ms. Marianna Wright, Director of the North American Butterfly Association facility south of Mission, TX, and discounted Project Leader Jess' apology for recent press in the Texas Observer. Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) did not raise concern about media/press coverage/stories revealed to date.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) recommended Project Leader Jess see the video, "The Shift", which provides rationale for why the RGV Sector (and Santa Ana NWR) are the priority for the Southern US. Border infrastructure improvements in FY18.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) mentioned that CBP HQ (Washington, D.C.) is do a cost-analysis for border wall segments for Starr County—the priority for RGV Sector according to the Chief. However, because there is somewhat of a rush to begin construction, existing federal property is the easiest and fastest sites to begin, since no land acquisition is needed.

Project Leader Jess asked, "...Why Santa Ana and not somewhere else?"

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) responded that it is because it is existing federal land (green/green) which is already cleared from the standpoint of the Administration.

Project Leader Jess asked, "... Is beginning work at Santa Ana NWR a done deal?" Also, a previous meeting with CBP R&D (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), revealed there could be a number of technological alternatives or solutions rather than building a wall/fence. PL Jess stated we would

be highly supportive of evaluating any or all of these alternatives/options for consideration rather than construction of the 2.9 mile border wall.

PAIC (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated that the criminal element in Mexico has been capitalizing on traffic through Santa Ana NWR for many years and that more recently they initiate traffic during public events so there are opportunities to blend in with the legitimate public visitors. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also stated that there is a lot of scouting that occurs on Santa Ana based on the loss of CBP cameras – more cameras lost at Santa Ana than anywhere else in the AOR (area of responsibility).

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) stated that he wanted to find a solution that satisfies his obligation (secure the border; operational control) but that we find common ground between conservation and border security.

The Chief also stated he would support the reduced Enforcement Zone, which was originally requested at 150' south of the Border Wall. He stated he would support our request for 75' and 50' on Santa Ana. He did, however, state that if a reduced Enforcement Zone impacts his ability to gain operational control of the border, he may need to evaluate expanding the Enforcement Zone in the future. He will want to reserve the right to install a 150' Enforcement Zone but initially will clear a smaller zone and if operational control is obtained, there would be no grounds to expand upon it.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) also stated that the RVSS Tower planning documents we (FWS) had reviewed previously will be cancelled per his decision and that all RVSS towers now will be constructed within the border wall now. As for sites not scheduled to be getting border wall (i.e., Cameron County), we are not certain whether those RVSS towers will continue to be planned installed—some close to the river some not so close.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7), mentioned working with former Organ Pipe Nat'l Monument Superintendent, (b) (6), (b) (7), who is now the DOI Southern Border Coordination (vice Jon Andrew).

Project Leader Jess mentioned the facilities we have offered/provided to CBP. Boat ramps, office space @ Marinoff, Storefront at Santa Ana NWR, and several RAID Tower locations. PL Jess asked if there would be interest to expand the horse patrols—either on Santa Ana or elsewhere?

RM Winton informed Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) that we were working with Ft. Brown Station and Space-X to hopefully marry the surveillance needs for greater Boca Chica area, because of evacuation requirements we will have once launches are initiated.

Chief (b) (6), (b) (7), stated Agent Thomas Rudd, previously assigned to negotiate that issue, has since retired and that he would determine who our new point of contact is with this issue.

In conclusion, Chief (b) (6), (b) (7), reiterated his support to work with DOI (FWS) on the border, so he restated he would support our request for a reduced Enforcement Zone (75' and 50'). He also mentioned he would advocate that the gates be open during working hours. No further discussion from us on what we would determine are our "normal working hours"

The Chief said he would request approval to clear up to 150' if the need arises, but that he would honor our request for a reduced zone initially. Whether the full Enforcement Zone would be cleared in the future would be based on Detection & Response within the zone width initially cleared.

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**To:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>, Scot Edler <scot\_edler@fws.gov>  
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## **U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AND USFWS BORDER FENCE MEETING AT THE RGV SECTOR HEADQUARTERS IN EDINBURG, TEXAS**

**July 25, 2017 1:00-5:30p BP Sector Headquarters w/ Tour of SANWR**

**Focus of Discussion:** 2.9 mile segment of Border Wall (Santa Ana NWR and Marinoff Tract, Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR)

**Participants:** Conference call participants: IBWC (2 representatives; Dawn Gardiner, ES, and Jon Andrew, DOI), Site attendees: local BP and CBP agents; Ernesto Reyes, ES; Bryan Winton LRGV refuge manager; Robert Jess, senior refuge manager, STRC; Michael Baker Project leads and engineers.

### **General Notes:**

Michael Baker Engineering- tasked with primary design on Rio Grande Valley Sector project(s)

CBP is on an aggressive schedule: 15 % wall design was presented on 7/25/17; 65% design will be presented on second week of August 2017.

Proposed 150' south facing "enforcement zone" and lighting that faces south announced for length of new and existing border fence (California to Texas). Few exceptions will be granted for reduction of 150' Enforcement Zone. Enforcement zone will include a caliche drivable road located furthest south in enforcement zone along with a drag road adjacent to caliche road to allow for increased detection.

Upon completion of 65% design - anticipation that Waiver will be signed in September 2017- construction at SANWR to begin January 2018. Refuge will need to shut down to public during peak of tourist season.

BP (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) : Commitment by RGV Sector Chief (and Deputy Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) particularly) to continue to work with and maintain partnership with FWS by giving any concessions where possible to FWS.

### **Meeting:**

Seven specific questions asked of BP (highest ranking BP agent was (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) of Sector who responded). We began questions by stating that Secretary of Interior is the only one that can say "No" to the border wall, but:

1. Will there be any flexibility in the overall design at SANWR? Answer: today is the opportunity for discussion.
2. How did CBP come up with a 150' enforcement zone? Answer: it's a national requirement established by the Administration for the Southern Border. Some areas will not have a 150' zone due to wetlands, certain situations like topography, lakes, wetlands, etc. which are deemed as "exceptions".
3. (question asked prior to beginning of meeting in hallway) Can the first segment of fence be moved elsewhere as agreed upon in prior meetings earlier this year

- (away from existing proposed site) Answer: no, we have no choice- you know our proposal that was sent to the Administration ...
4. Can fence/enforcement zone not occur from entry to exit sites of SANWR (approximately 1.1 miles)? Answer: no- there will occur at proposed site...
  5. Can we eliminate drag and vehicle road between entry and exit sites of SANWR (approximately 1.1 miles)? Answer: likely no but we will forward to Chief for final answer...
  6. Can the 150' proposed Enforcement zone be reduced to 0'? Answer: no...
  7. Can the 150' proposed Enforcement zone be reduced to 50'? Answer: We will defer to the Chief for an answer...
    - There will be an internal discussion by Sector Chief & Deputy Chief to decide on responses to FWS questions.

**Other points/comments:**

- Waiver to be signed by DHS Secretary in September, 2017
- Construction likely moved from 11/2017 to 01/2018
- Geotechnical tests – nothing of surprise (project will proceed)
- Limitations at SANWR identified by FWS: Pedestrian crossings; wetlands, drainage ditches, public impact, wildlife impact.
- Baker Engineering is evaluating how to expand ramps (for wildlife benefit)
- A meeting with Sector Chief and Deputy Chief was requested to follow up on specifics
- FWS requested a bollard fence be placed between Enforcement Zone and native habitat to reduce “mission creep”.
- Five gates are proposed for SANWR at a cost of \$250k each. BP proposed to reduce one gate (at 80 acre Schuster tract) by acquiring tract (no condemnation) and donating to FWS to eliminate a gate.
- CBP (and IBWC) requesting that levee road be expanded from 16' to 24', which goes against engineering interests to move levee north to obtain maximum quantity of fill material. Purpose is more space on top is needed to accommodate RVSS towers, lights, etc. FWS recommended pushing the border wall as far north from the crest of the levee to minimize clearing of habitat.
- **Lighting will occur on the whole border fence from California to Gulf of Mexico and will face south. Push back was given and alternatives were requested but likely not to be allowed due to officer safety at any given site. Lighting was a new topic and was only announced after a question was raised.**
- Regarding the Pedestrian Access to refuge and possible pedestrian vehicle collisions on SANWR—a Tunnel/Underpass was suggested as was an overpass at ADA ramp site on SANWR

**Meeting concluded:** Reconvened at SANWR at 3:30pm for site visit/further discussion. Jess led a tour with CBP and DHS officials to view the river and discuss surveillance interests. A “Classified” discussion on proposed new technology was proposed for site and would be implemented under the waiver.

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**BP/CBP/FWS meeting notes on Border Wall 7/25/17**

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**Subject:** BP/CBP/FWS meeting notes on Border Wall 7/25/17  
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please see the attached notes compiled from E Reyes, B Winton and R Jess...

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## U.S. Customs and Border Protection

AUG 25 2017

Mr. Robert Jess  
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Dear Mr. Jess:

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is in the initial stages of planning for proposed levee wall along 28 miles of existing levee located in Hidalgo County, Texas within the U.S. Border Patrol's McAllen and Weslaco stations area of responsibility (AOR) and 32 miles of bollard wall in Starr County, Texas within the U.S. Border Patrol's Rio Grande City station AOR. In addition, CBP is in the planning stages of its second phase of gate installation to close 35 gaps in existing border fence in Hidalgo and Cameron counties. The 35 gates were funded in CBP's fiscal year (FY) 2017 appropriation, while the proposed 28 miles of levee wall and 32 miles of bollard wall are included in the President's FY18 budget request to Congress.

In Hidalgo County, CBP is proposing 28 miles of levee wall. The proposed levee wall alignment will be on the south face of the northern U.S. International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) levee. The proposed design includes construction of a reinforced concrete levee wall to the height of the existing levee with 18-foot tall steel bollards installed on the top of the levee wall, a possible 150-foot enforcement zone on the south/river side of the levee wall, detection technology, enforcement zone lighting, video surveillance, automated vehicle gates, pedestrian gates, and an all-weather patrol road parallel to the levee wall. In addition, CBP will install gates within 20 gaps in existing border levee wall within Hidalgo County and in 15 existing gaps within Cameron County.

In Starr County, CBP is proposing 32 miles of bollard wall. The proposed design includes construction of 20 to 30-foot tall steel bollards, a possible 150-foot enforcement zone on the south/river side of the bollard wall, detection technology, enforcement zone lighting, video surveillance, and an all-weather patrol road parallel to the bollard wall.

Additional details of the possible components of the proposed action are as follows:

- **Levee Wall** -The levee wall will be a concrete wall to the height of the levee crest with 18 foot tall bollards installed in the top of the levee wall.
- **Bollard Wall** – The bollard wall will be 20 to 30 feet high utilizing 8-inch diameter, concrete filled steel bollards.
- **150 Foot Enforcement Zone** – The enforcement zone will be an area extending from the south/river side of the levee wall or bollard wall approximately 150 feet. All vegetation within the 150-foot enforcement zone will be cleared.
- **Gates** - Automated vehicle gates will be installed with a minimum height of 18 feet and minimum width of 20 feet. In addition, gates designed to allow for farming equipment will be installed where appropriate and range in width from 40 to 50 feet. All gates will be motorized overhead sliding gates with an enclosed drive and operator system.

- **Lighting** - LED lighting will be installed as part of this project. CBP will work with the appropriate stakeholders to develop solutions to avoid excess lighting beyond the enforcement zone.
- **All Weather Road** - An all-weather aggregate patrol road (type FC-2) will be constructed on the south side and parallel to the levee or bollard wall and within the 150-foot enforcement zone. The specific location of the road within the enforcement zone will be determined during the design phase of the project.
- **Cameras** - A camera surveillance system will be installed to ensure visibility of the enforcement zone and southern approach.

The purpose of the proposed action is to increase CBP's ability to impede or deny illegal border crossings, and to provide improved surveillance and detection capabilities to the areas of greatest risk of illegal cross-border activity located within the US. Border Patrol Rio Grande Valley Sector. The proposed action will be similar to other levee and border wall systems located within the Rio Grande Valley Sector. The proposed action will also support CBPs action under Executive Order (EO) 13767, where CBP is directed to "...secure the southern border of the United States through the immediate construction of a physical wall on the southern border, monitored and supported by adequate personnel so as to prevent illegal immigration, drug and human trafficking, and acts of terrorism."

CBP will evaluate the potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed action. CBP is gathering data and input from state and local government agencies, federal agencies, and Native American Tribes that may be affected by or otherwise have an interest in the proposed actions. Since your agency or organization may have particular knowledge and expertise regarding the potential environmental impacts from CBP's proposed action, your input is sought regarding the likely or anticipated effects to biological, cultural, and natural resources from the implementation of the proposed actions. Your response should include any state and local restrictions, permitting or other requirements with which CBP should consider during project siting, construction, and operation.

This letter is intended to provide initial information for CBP's proposed projects in the Rio Grande Valley and seek comments and concerns from potentially affected parties and interested groups. CBP intends similar outreach in other border regions as projects are identified and defined. Your prompt attention to this request is appreciated. Comments and information will be accepted up to 30 days following the date of this letter. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at [commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov). Please include "RGV Wall and Gates Construction" in the title of your email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
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Official CBP communication- Border Fence

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That plan sounds even better- also its a 30 day response not a 60 day as I had mentioned earlier.

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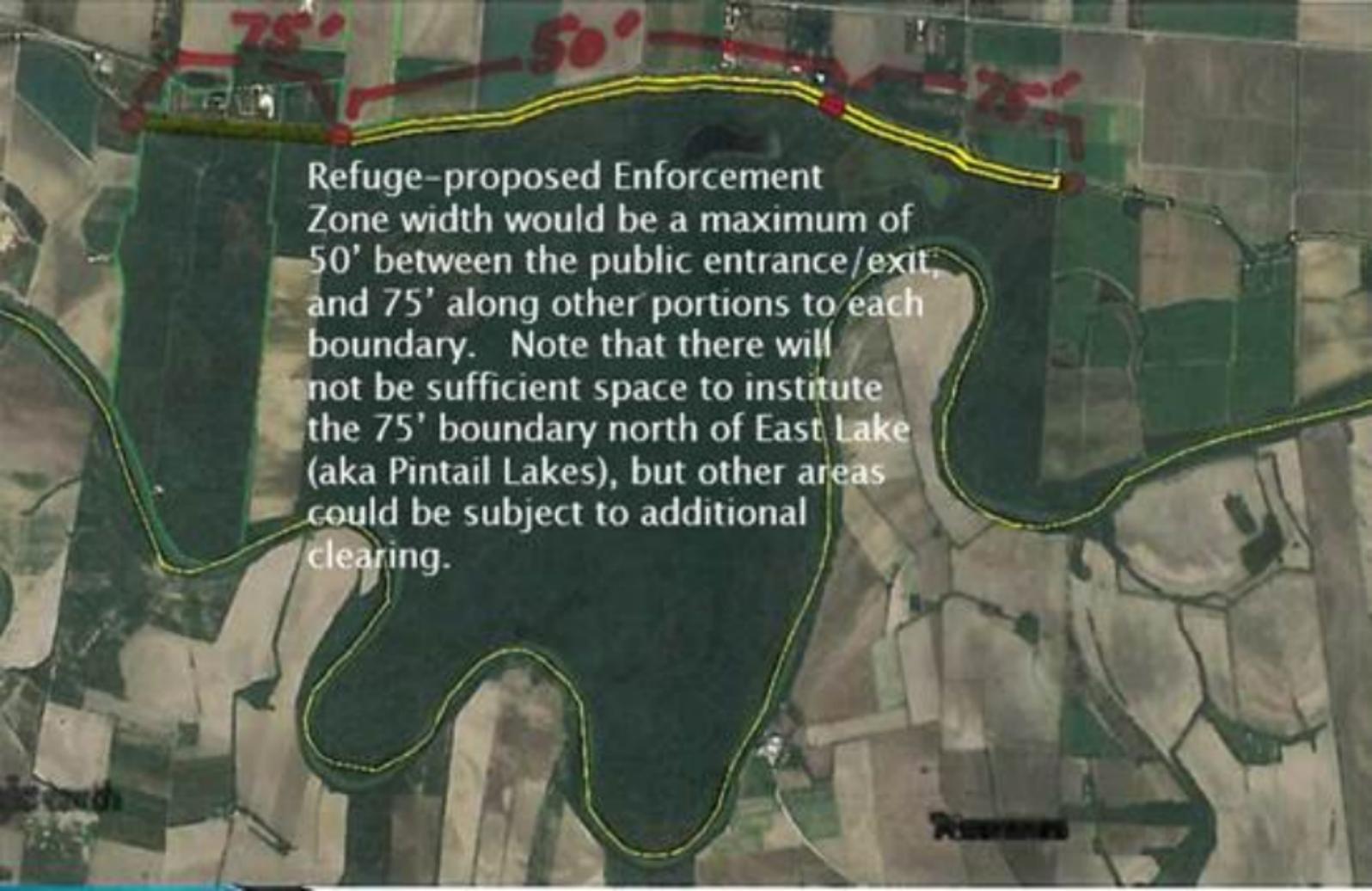
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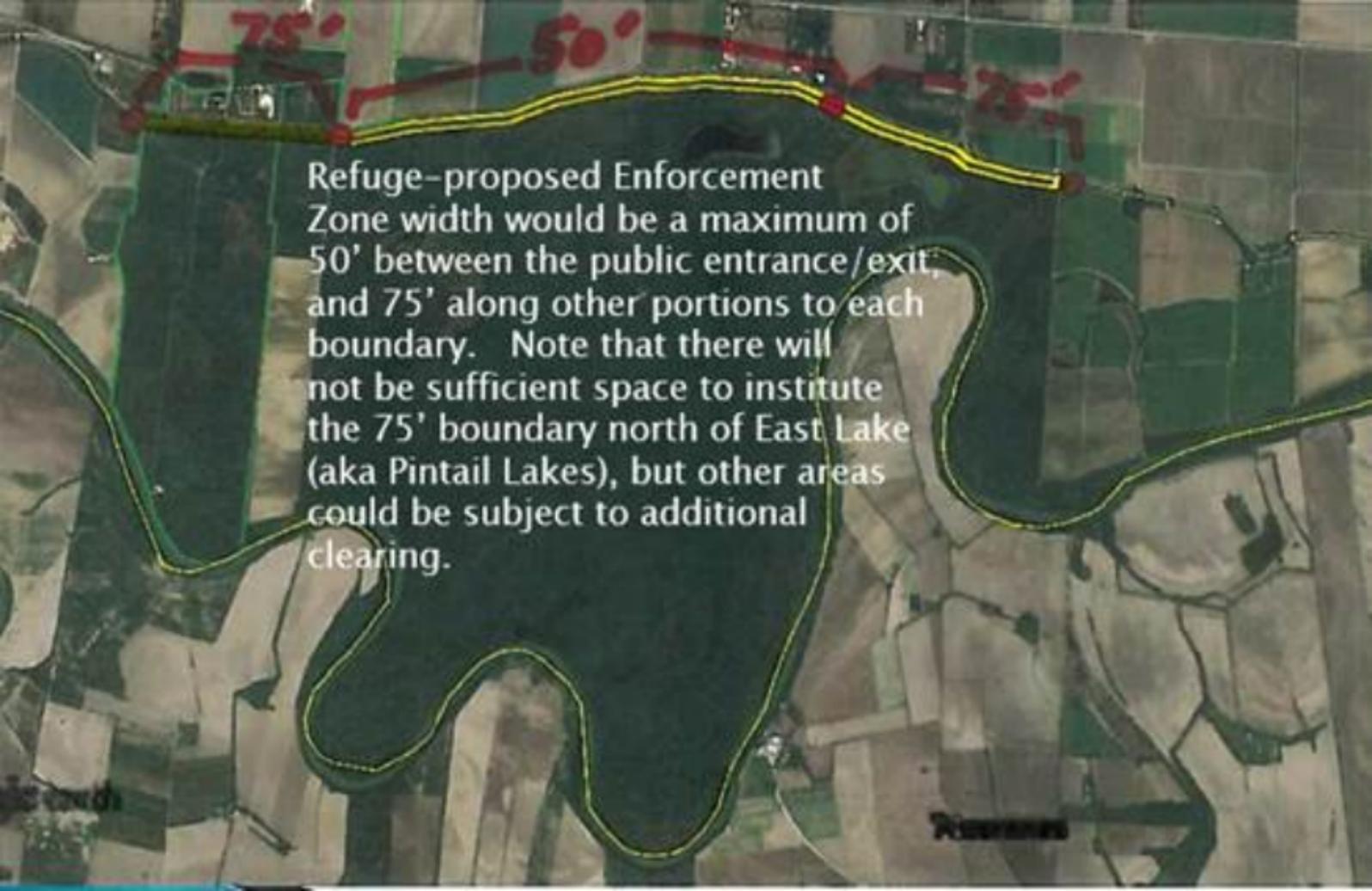
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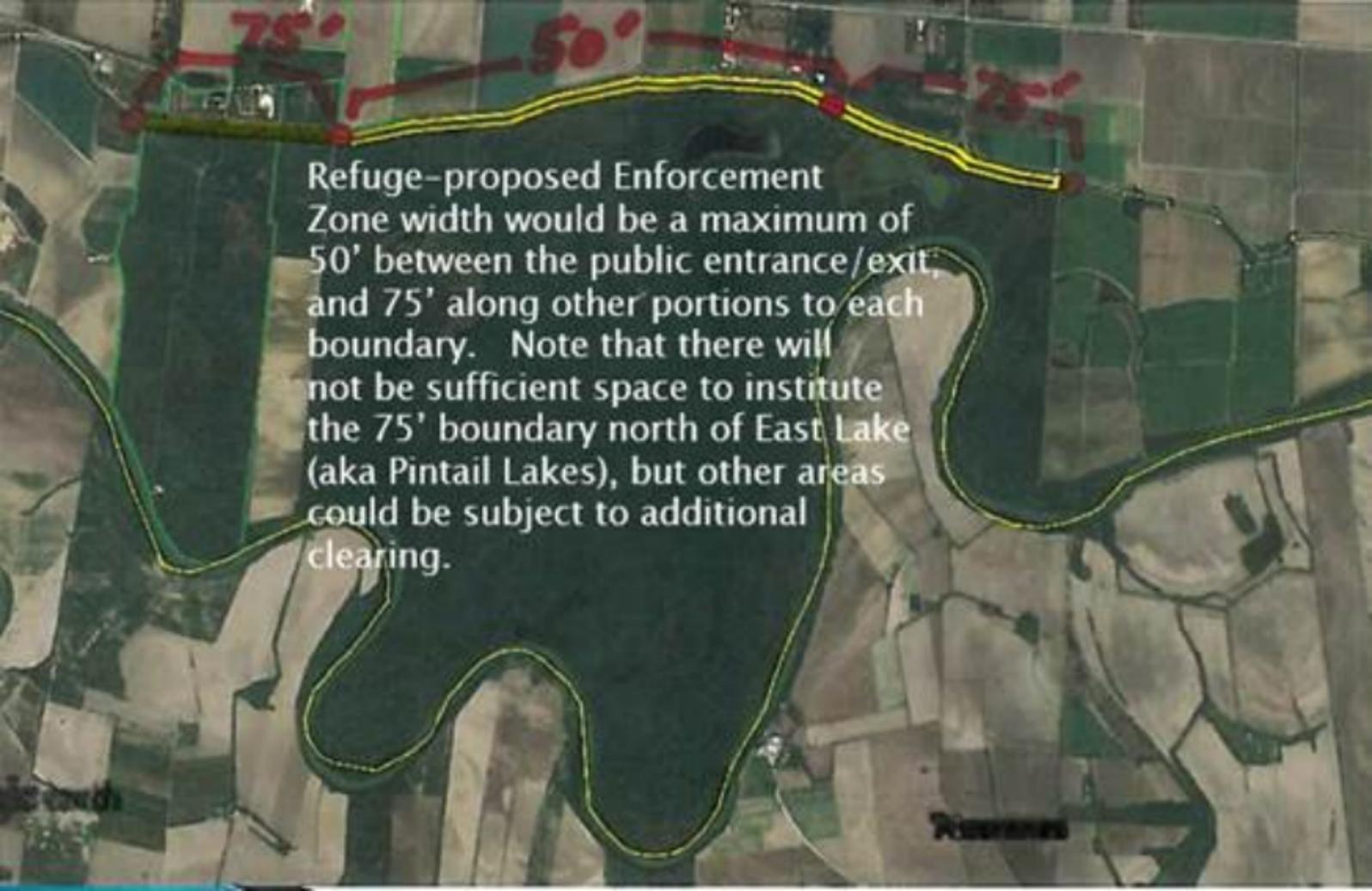
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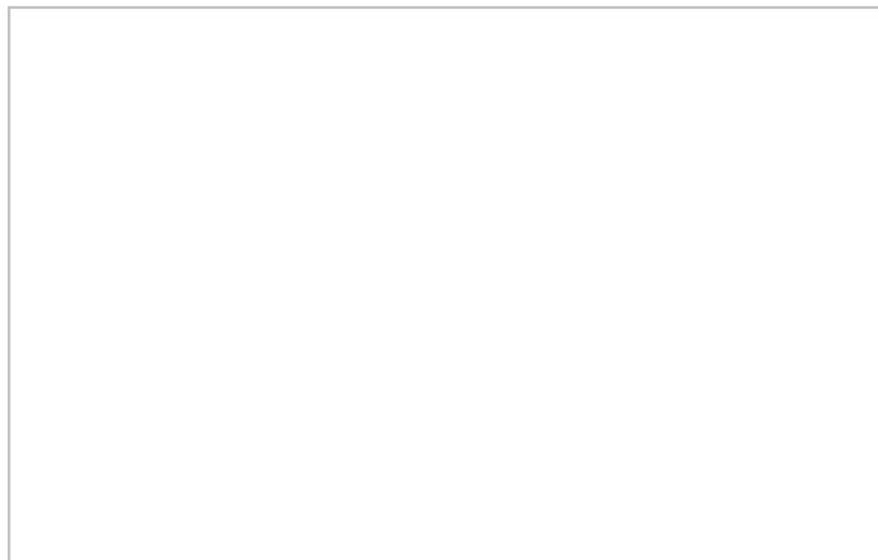
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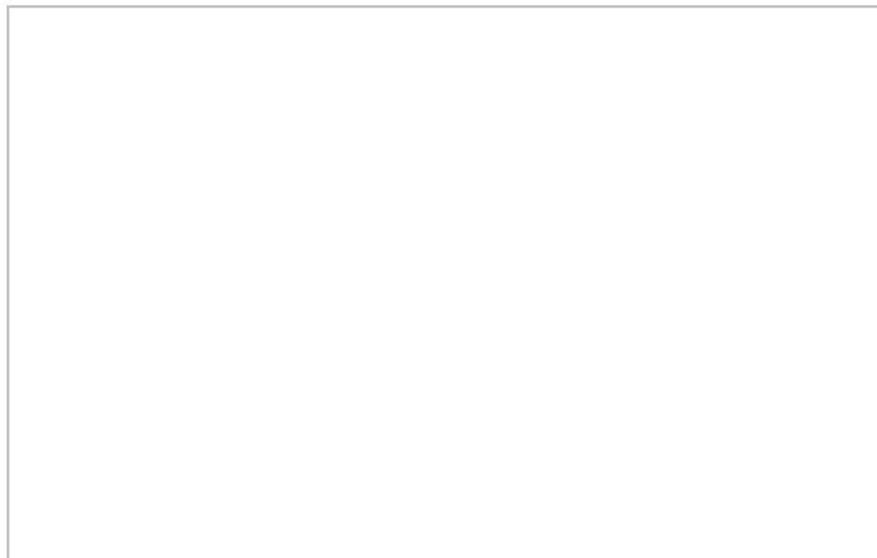
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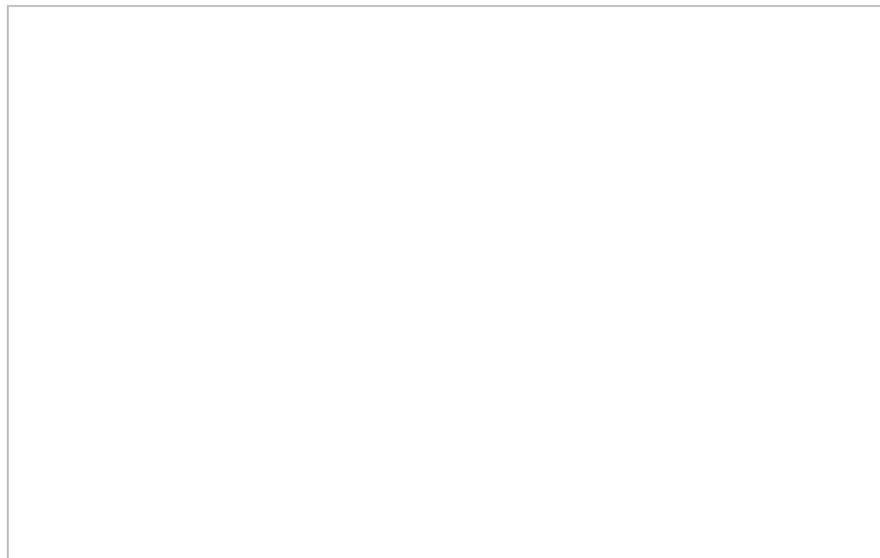
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BORDER FENCE MEETING AT THE RGV SECTOR  
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- CBP is on an aggressive schedule; 15 % wall design was presented along with the proposed 150' enforcement zone.
- 150' enforcement zone will include a caliche road and a drag road adjacent to road.
- CBP knows that USFWS will have some concerns
- Nothing is set in stone yet.
- There will be an internal discussion with Sector Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) to decide on enforcement zone needed for their operations.
- CBP is only talking about 2.9 miles which covers Santa Ana NWR only for now.
- FWS asked if there will be flexibility or no flexibility on the width of the enforcement road? CBP said that they will decide by end of week.
- USFWS stated that Secretary of Interior is the only one that can say "No" to the border wall, but will there be any flexibility to reduce the width of the enforcement zone? CBP said that they will be open for discussion.
- USFWS asked how CBP came up with a 150' enforcement zone? CBP responded that it's a national requirement throughout the Southern Border. Also, some areas cannot have 150' due to wetlands, certain situations like topography, lakes, wetlands, etc.
- Engineers working for CBP need feedback by end of the week.
- Start by end of calendar year on fence.
- Waiver is coming in by September

- Rob Jess (South Texas Refuge Complex) Project Leader asked if he could talk with the Sector Chief this week for 30 minutes and CBP will let him know when the Sector Chief would be available.
- Engineers are looking at building up the dirt ramps on the south side of the proposed access road to let wildlife have a high place to go to in case we have a flood like we did in 2010 at the Santa Ana NWR. Engineers need to coordinate with International Boundary and Water Commission.
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- CBP said that there will be a total of 5 gates for the SANWR. CBP said that gates are very expensive at \$250,000 each CBP asked USFWS if we needed all the gates. These gates are needed to access the Refuge for management of Santa Ana wetlands and habitat.
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- CBP is proposing 24 feet width on levee for road, wall, and poles for cameras.
- There will be a 20' road in the enforcement zone south of the border wall
- Not putting a road in the Resaca.
- Drag roads will also be within the enforcement zone.
- USFWS asked CBP if they needed patrol roads and drag roads on the east and west side of the SA walkway due to safety concerns for visitors and birders walking along the border wall at the ground level and coming across a CBP agent in a vehicle. Also roads and especially drag roads will

- cause dust into the air impacting the visible view shed and experience of a National Wildlife Refuge. Be more aesthetically pleasing to the visitor of a natural area.
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  - Santa Ana and Bentsen State Park have similar issues along the border wall with dense habitat and view shed for visitors and birders.
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  - Lighting will be redirected in sensitive areas like the Santa Ana NWR by using less candles per light and directing the light to the enforcement zone only and not the vegetation, and using a shield to direct the light in the cleared area.
  - The USFWS is only making recommendations to minimize impacts to Santa Ana NWR as per our mission, but the final decision will be made by CBP on the width of the enforcement zone.
  - The USFWS made CBP and the engineers aware that farmers have a borrow ditch between the levee and the end of their agriculture field to drain off water in their fields because the water (sheet flow) flows north of the river, and if a ditch is removed for the enforcement zone, then CBP will have to replace the burrow ditch for the farmer, otherwise the rain or flood water will flow towards the enforcement zone and wash it out.
  - The next 75% design will be done by the end of August.

- CBP and engineers will look at purchasing an inholding between Santa Ana and the Marinoff tract of land (Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR), and will eliminate one proposed gate, and give access for CBP between these two tracts of land which is in private control; estimated to be around 80 acres which is in agriculture use at the time. In the long run, this will be a cost savings for the proposed gate and maintenance for the life of the project, and give CBP access closer to the river between both Refuge tracts. The engineers will look at the feasibility of the gate versus acquiring the piece of inholding.

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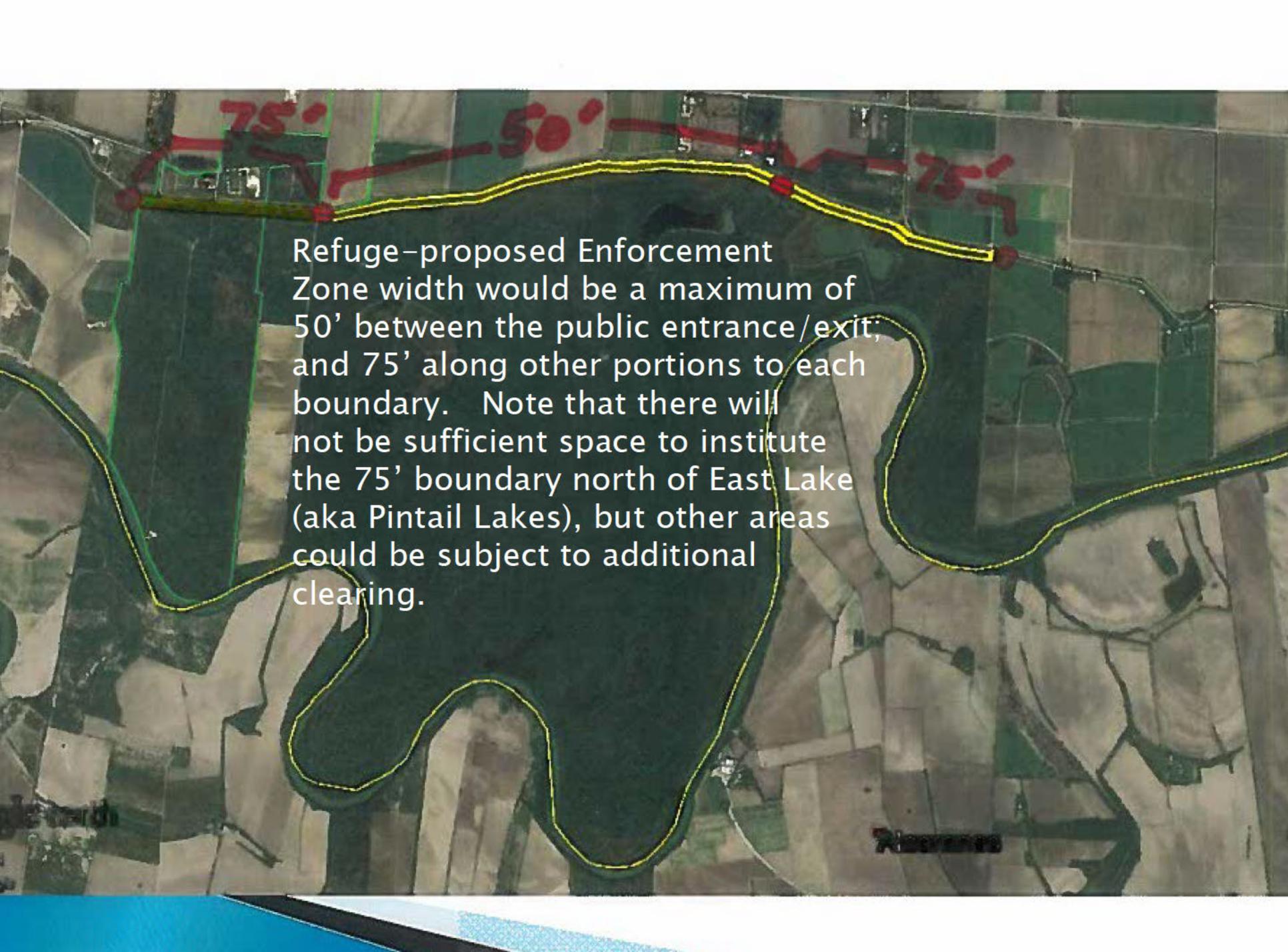
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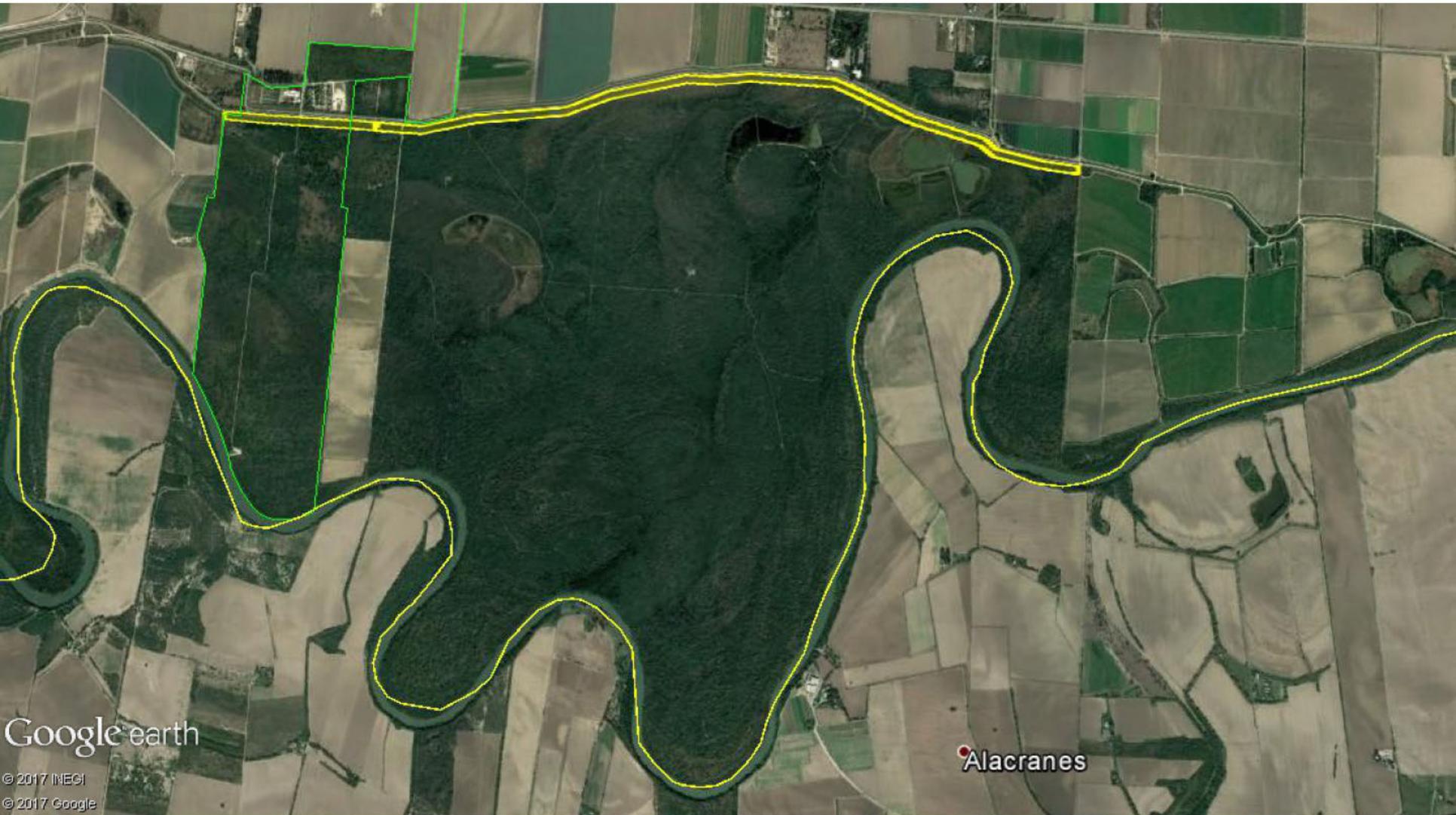
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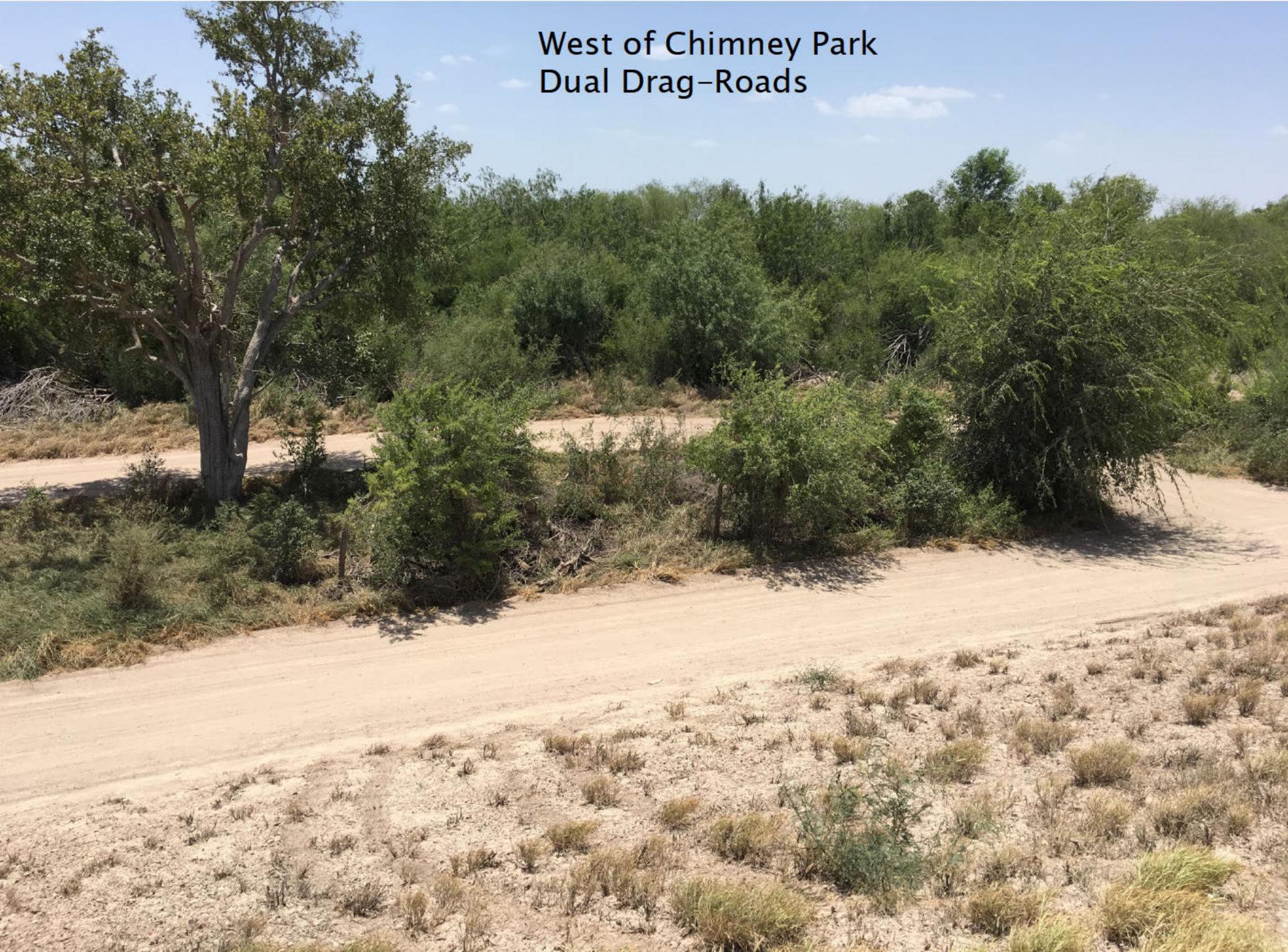


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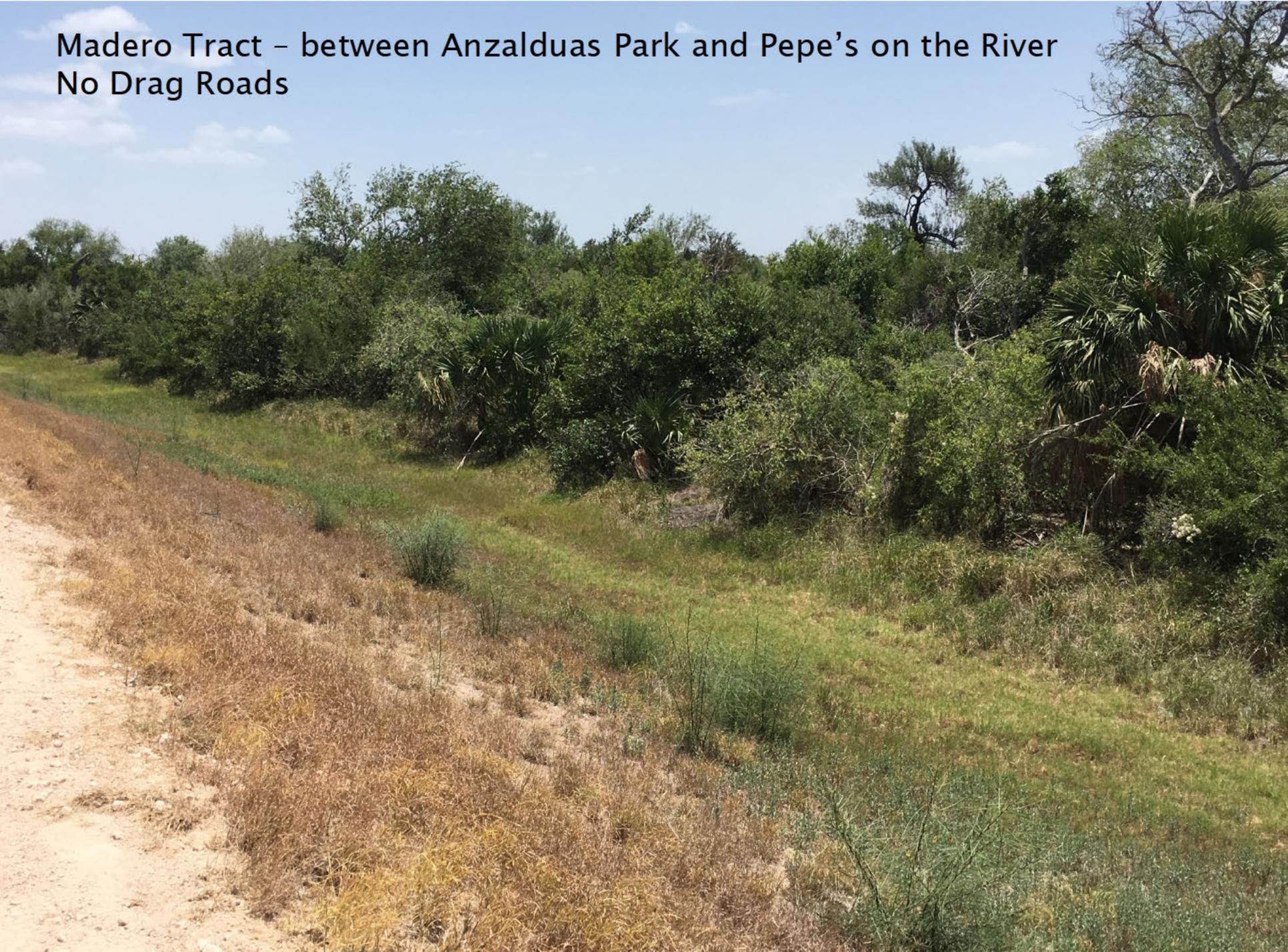
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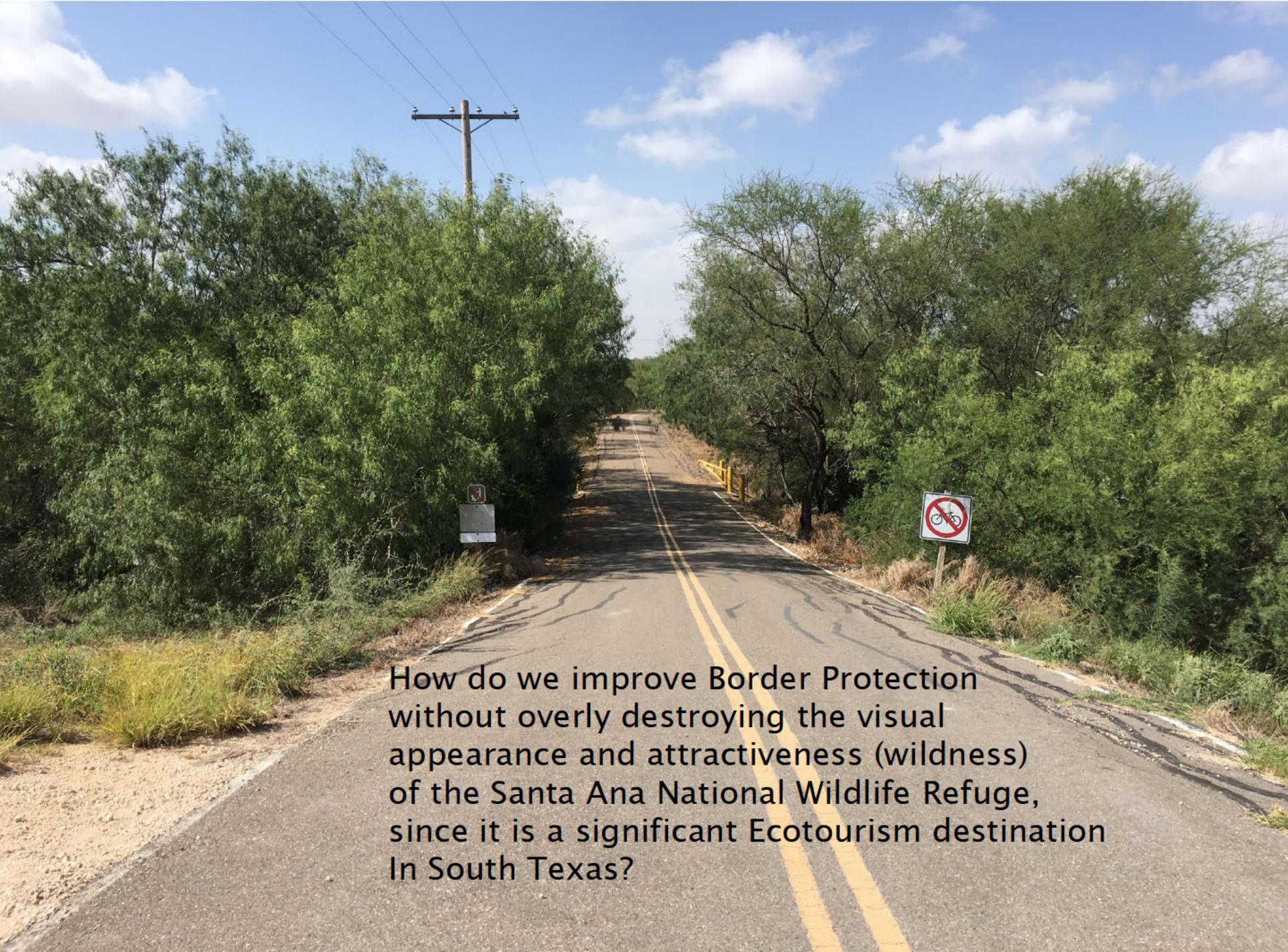


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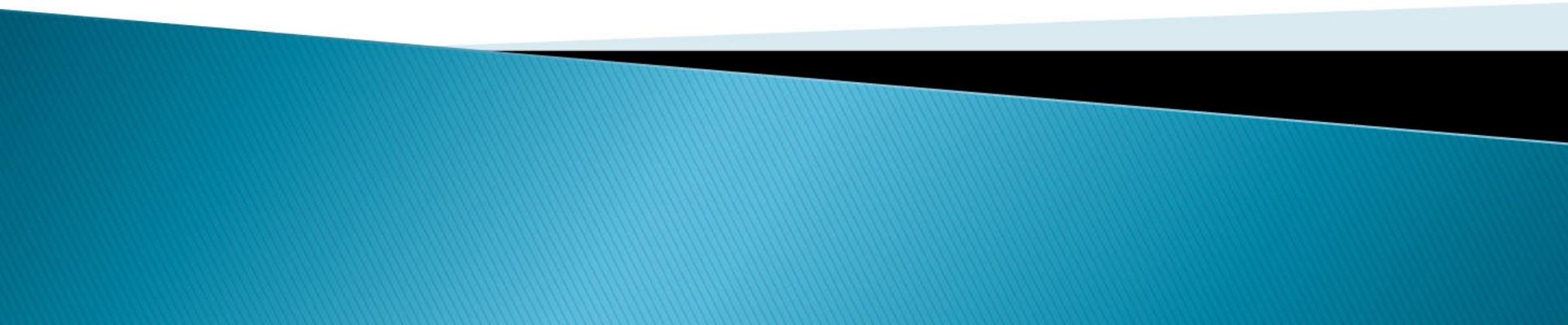
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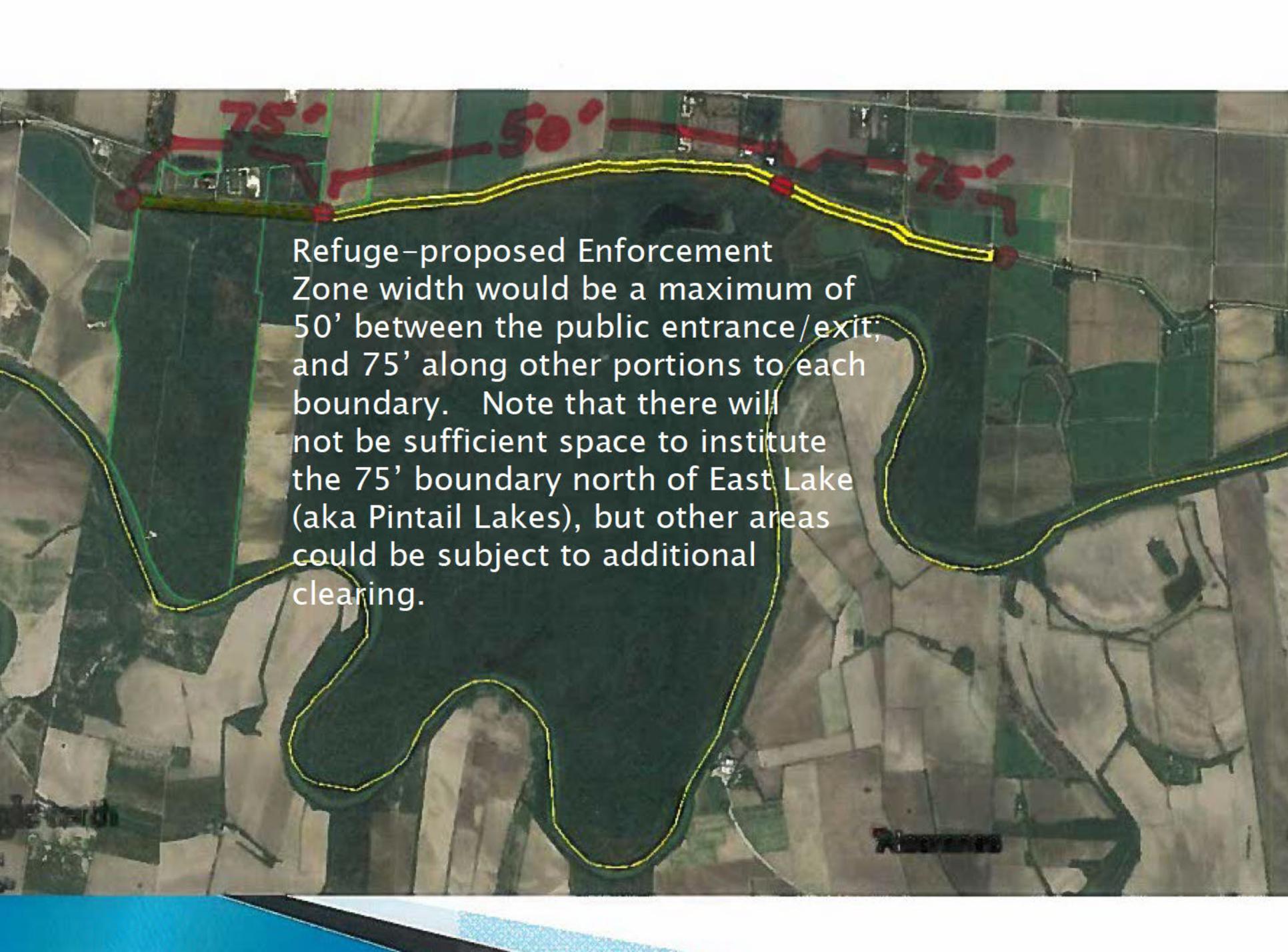
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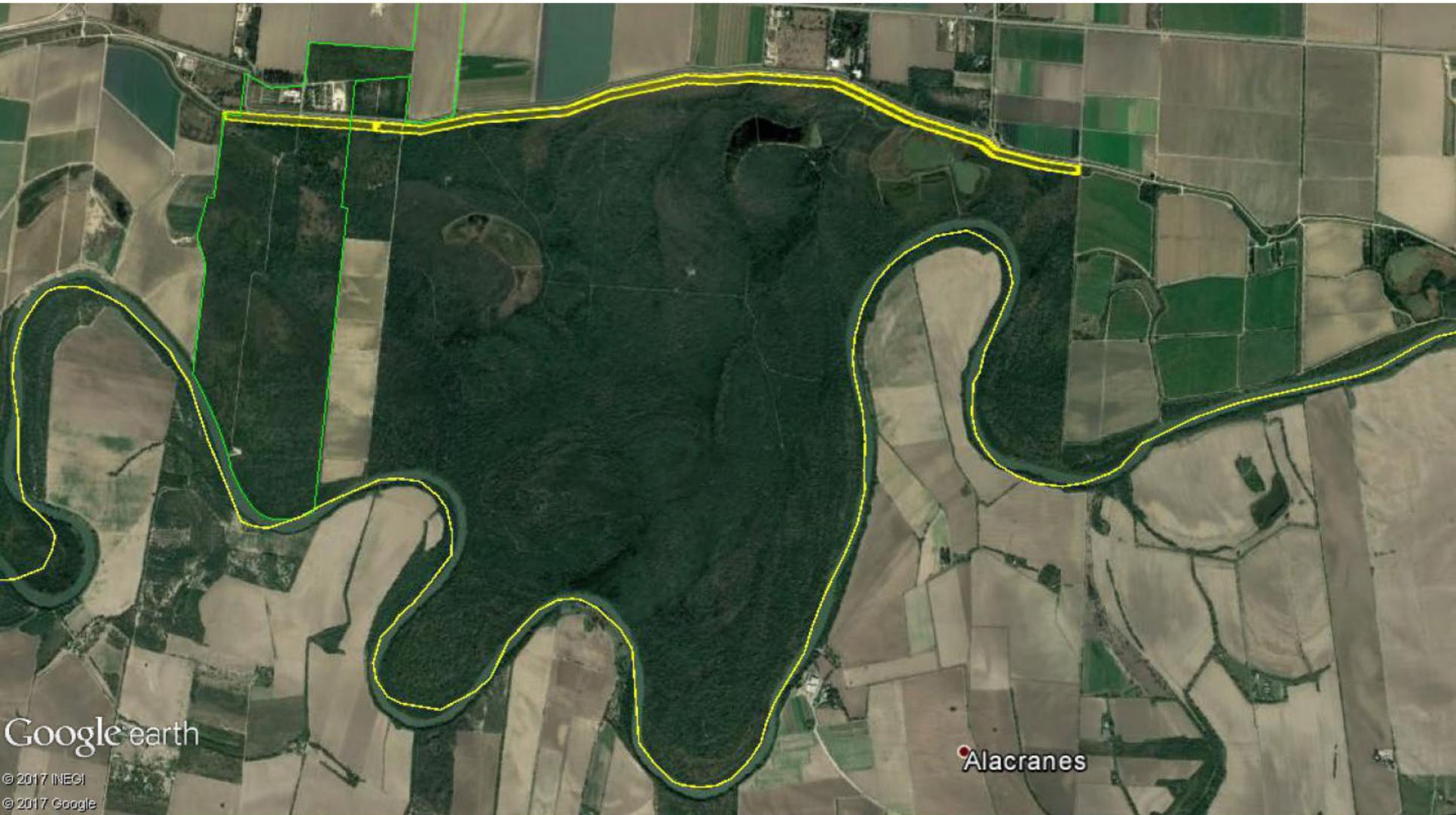
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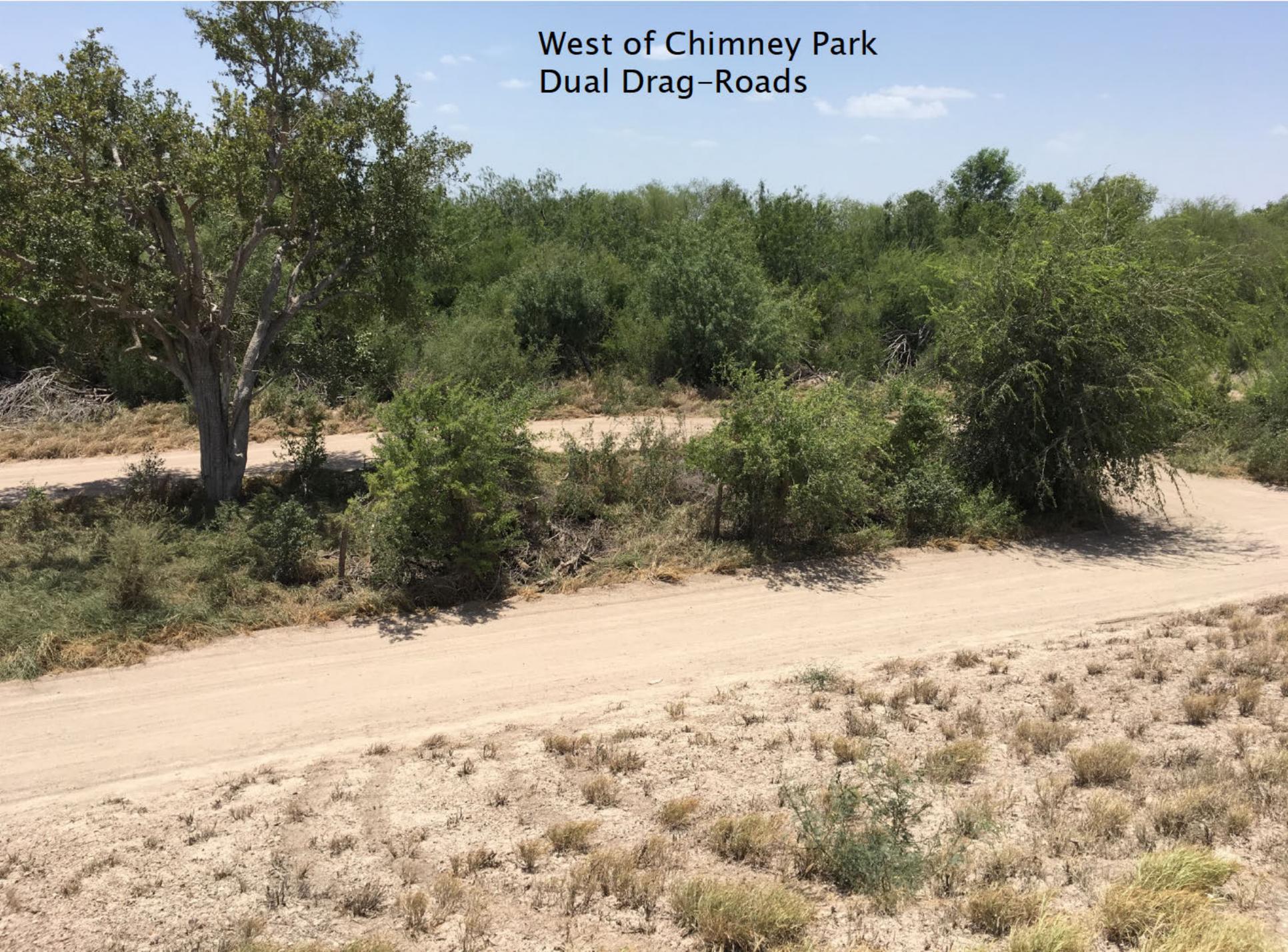


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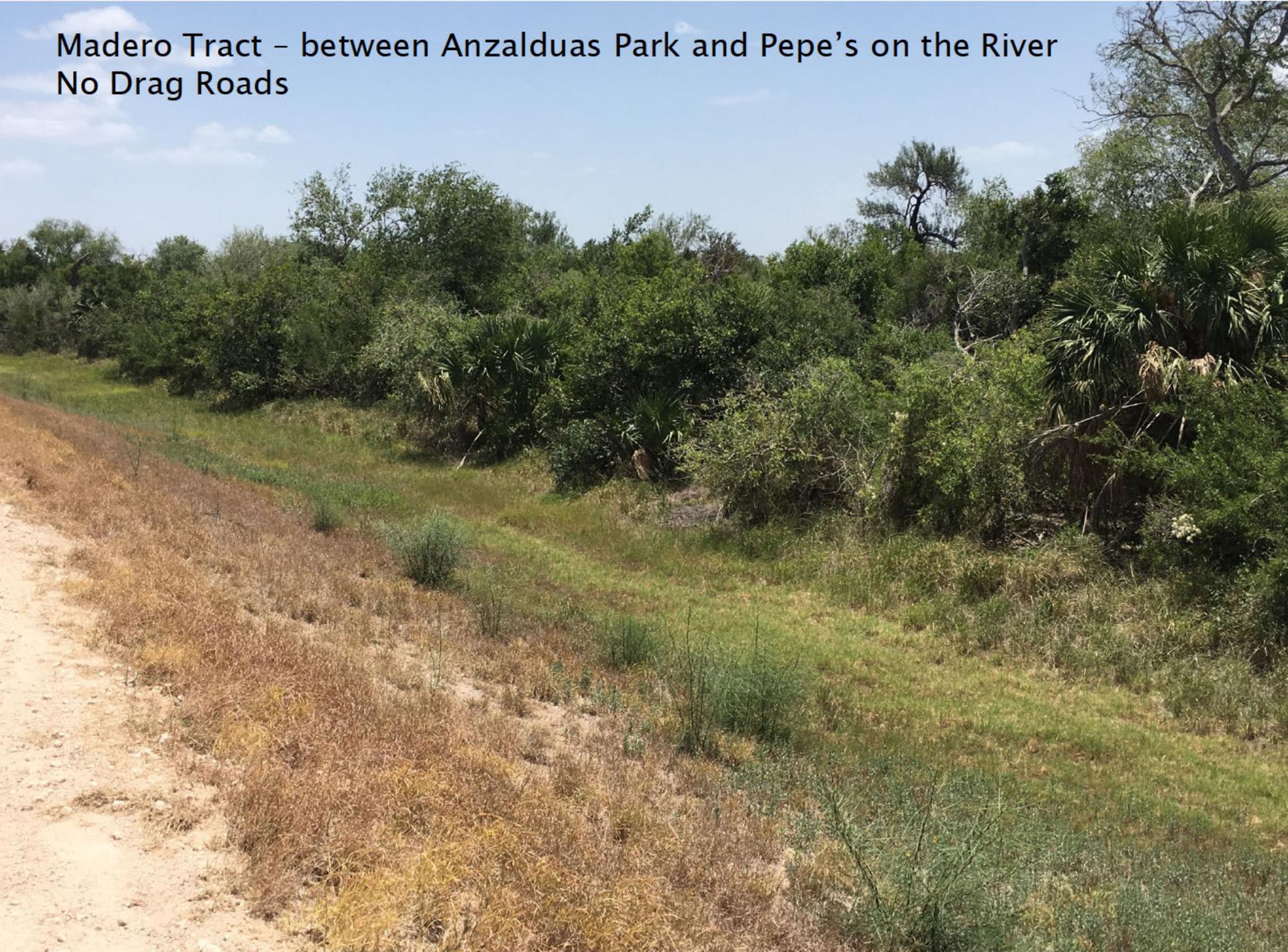
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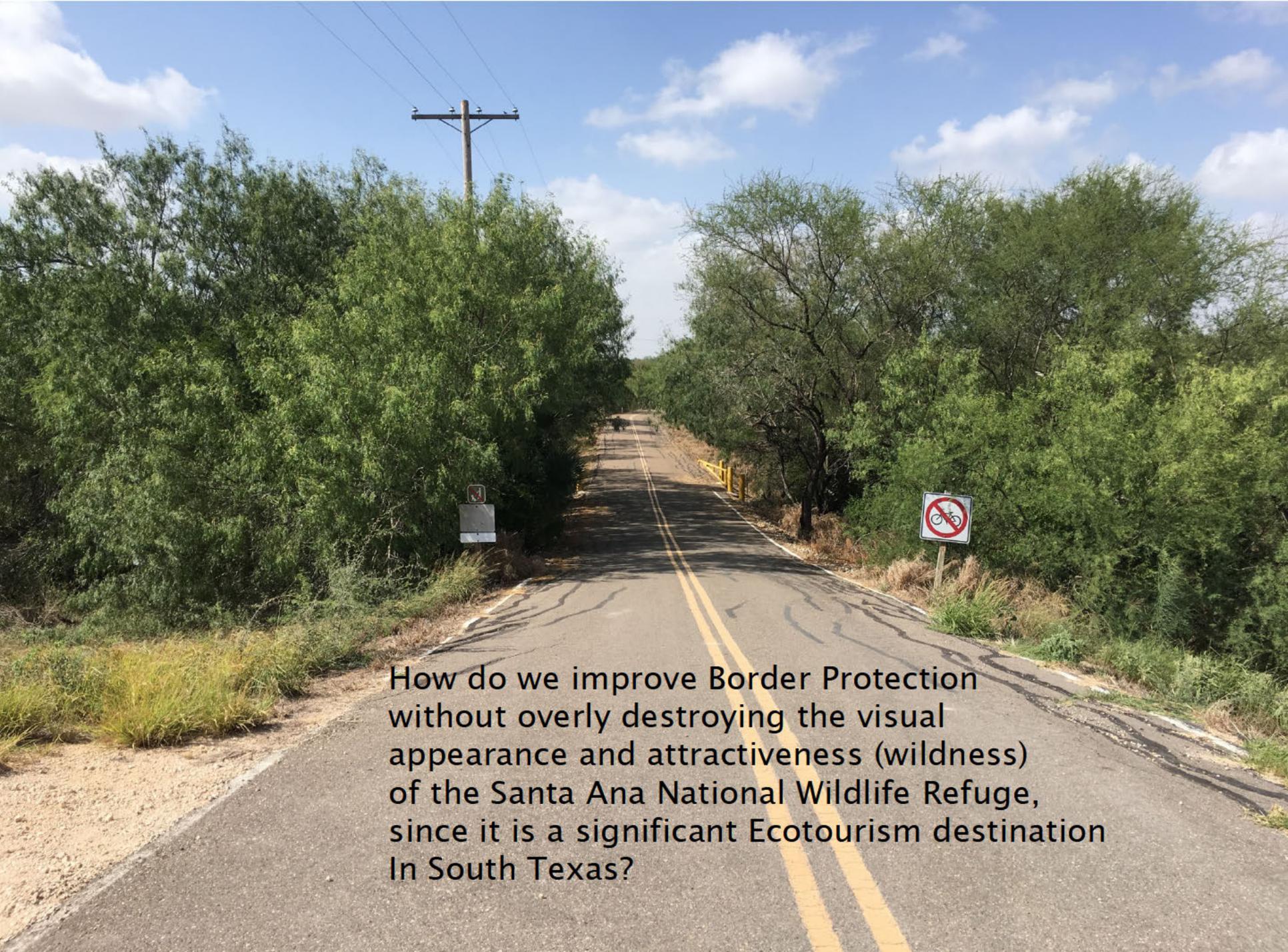


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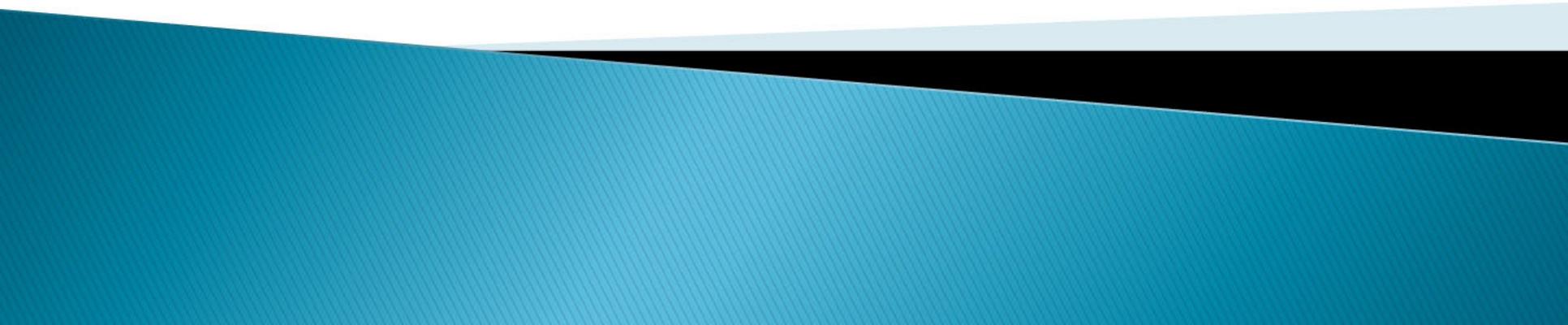
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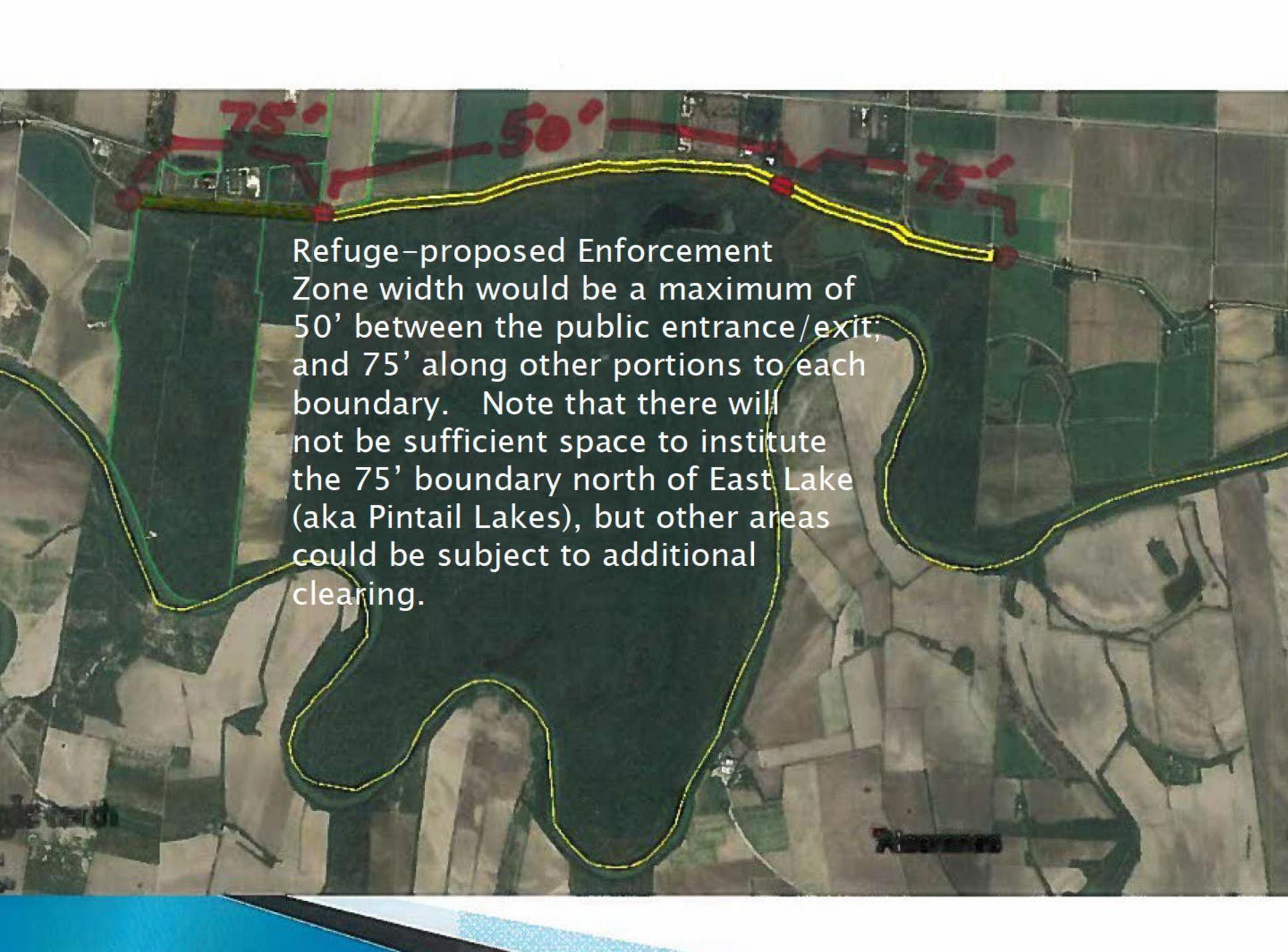
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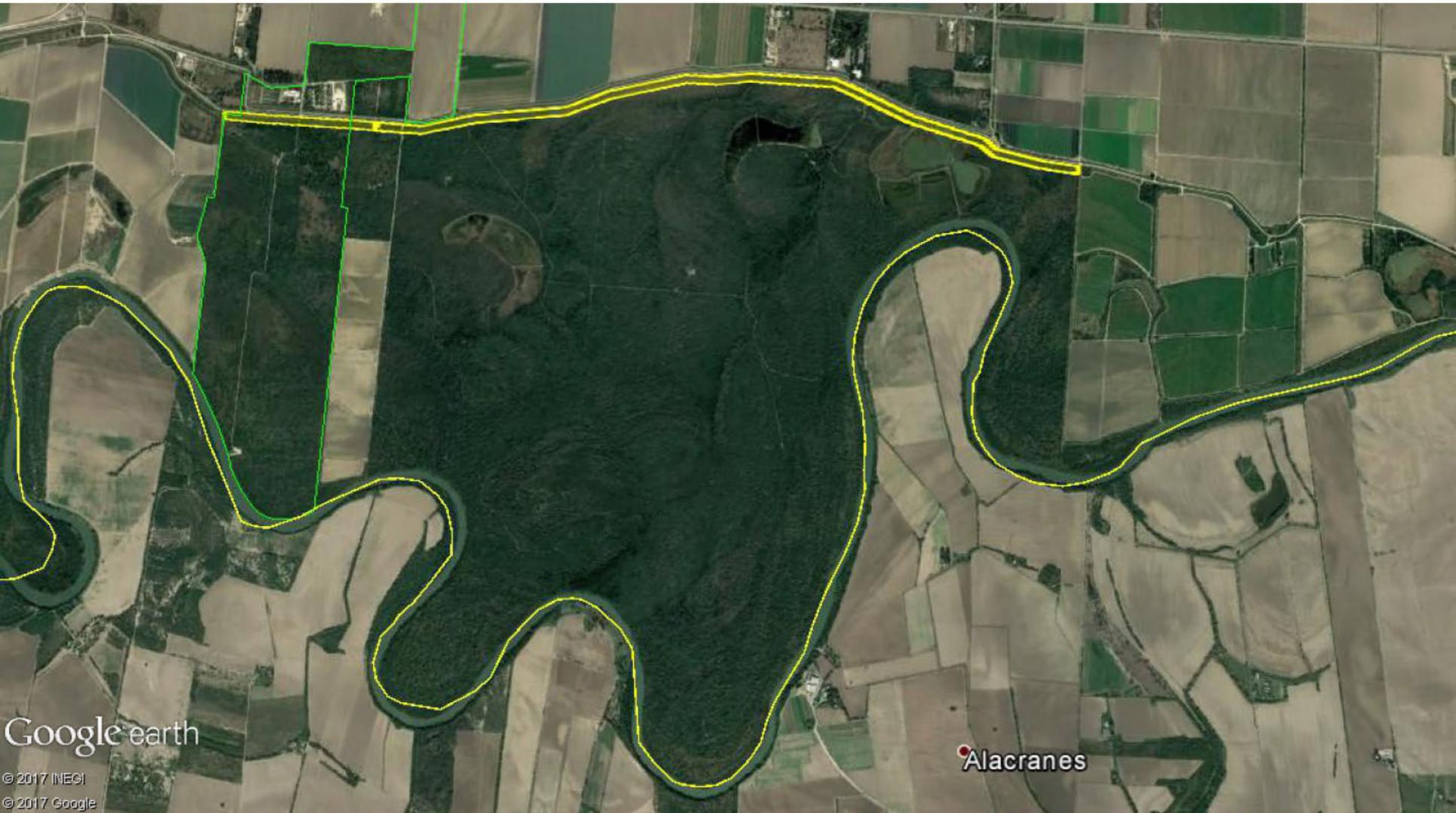
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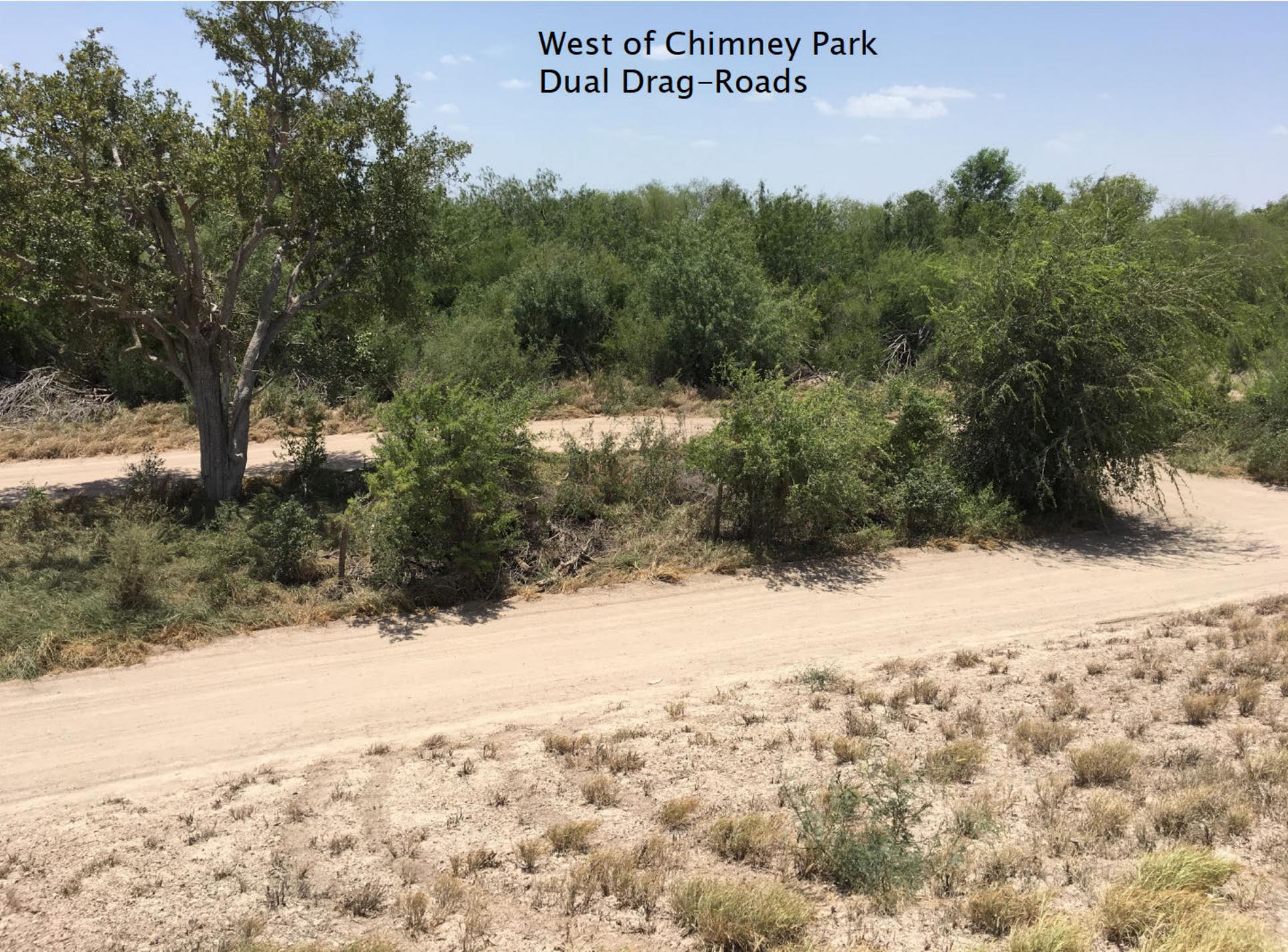


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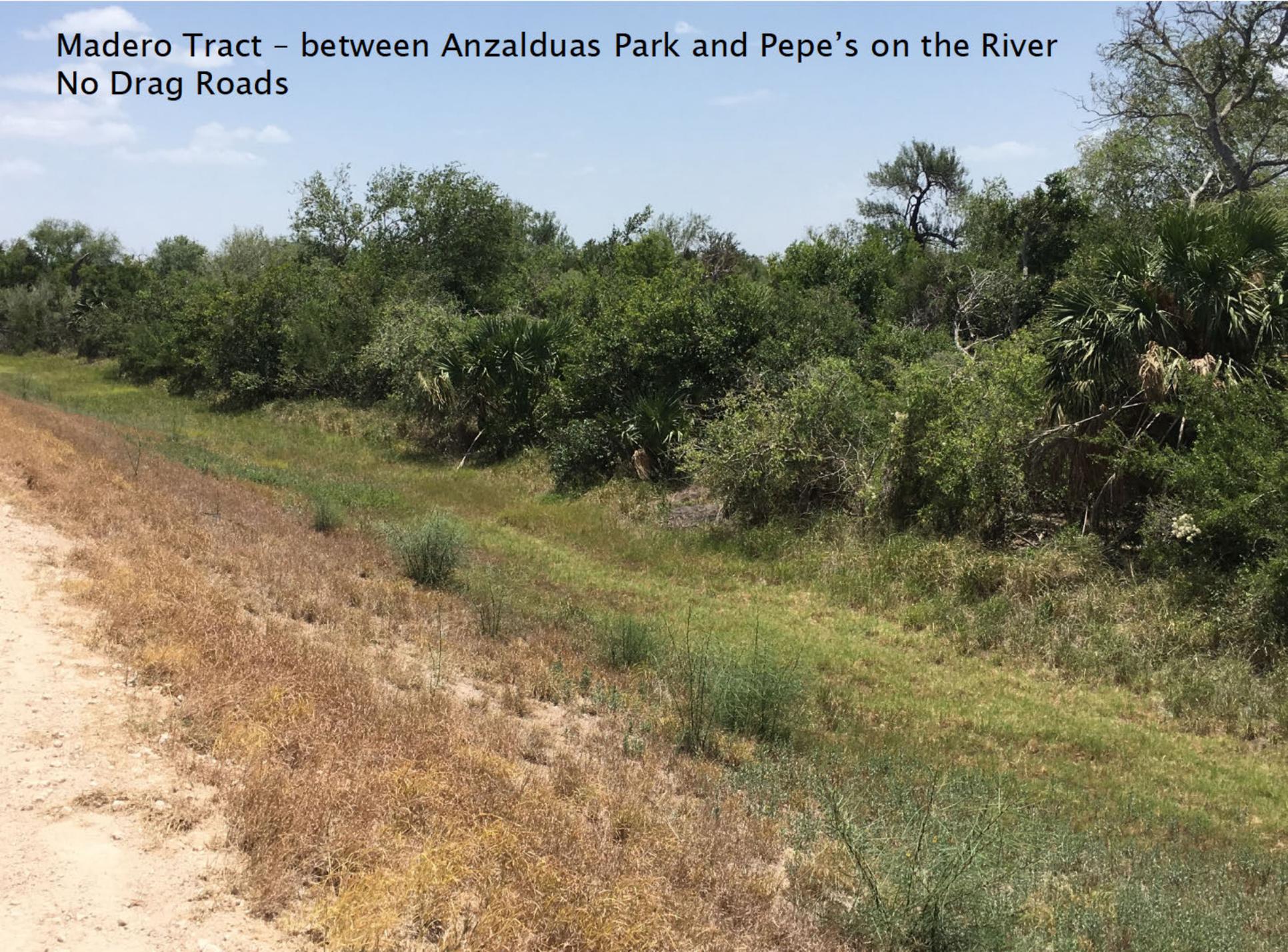
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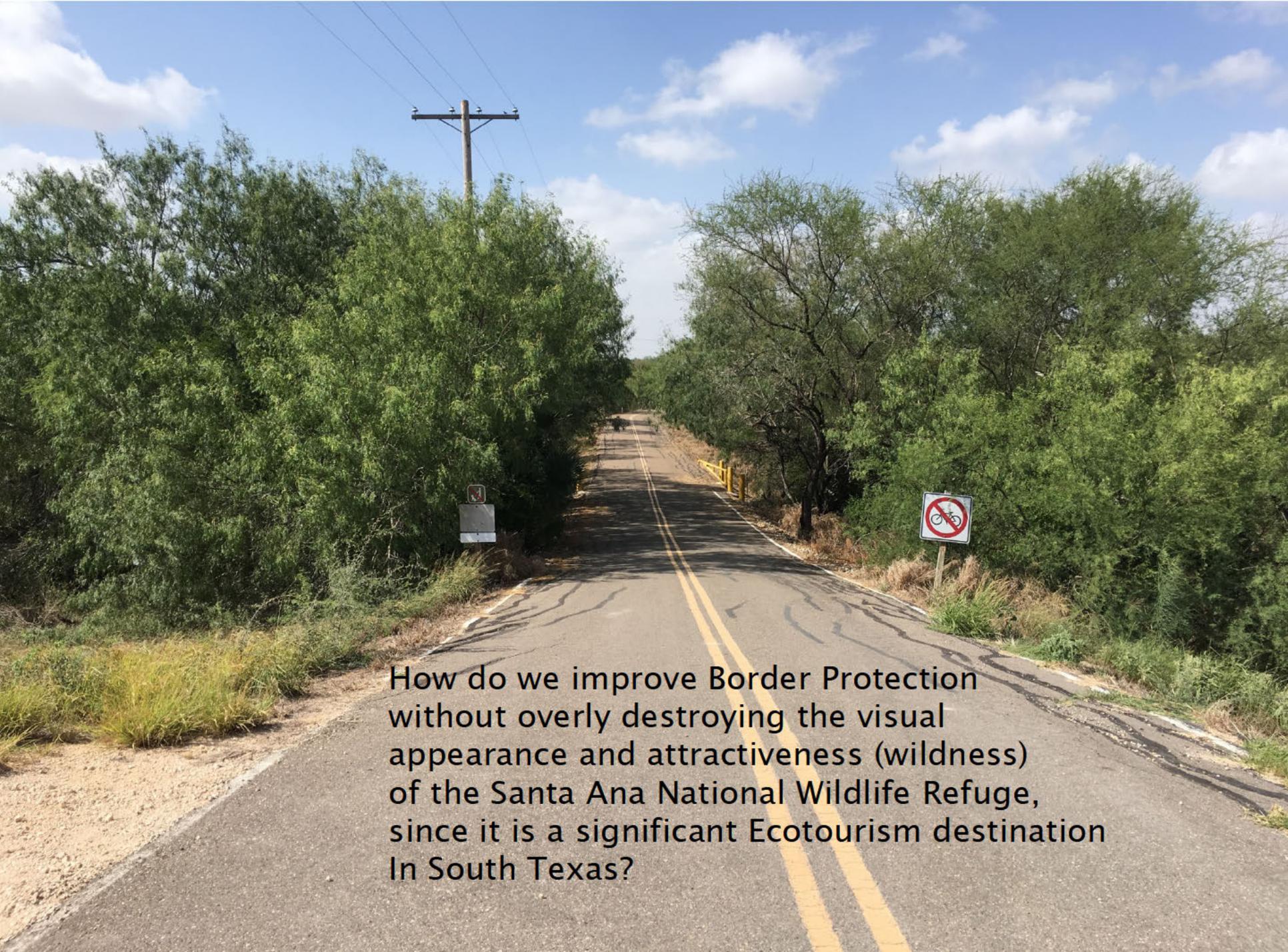


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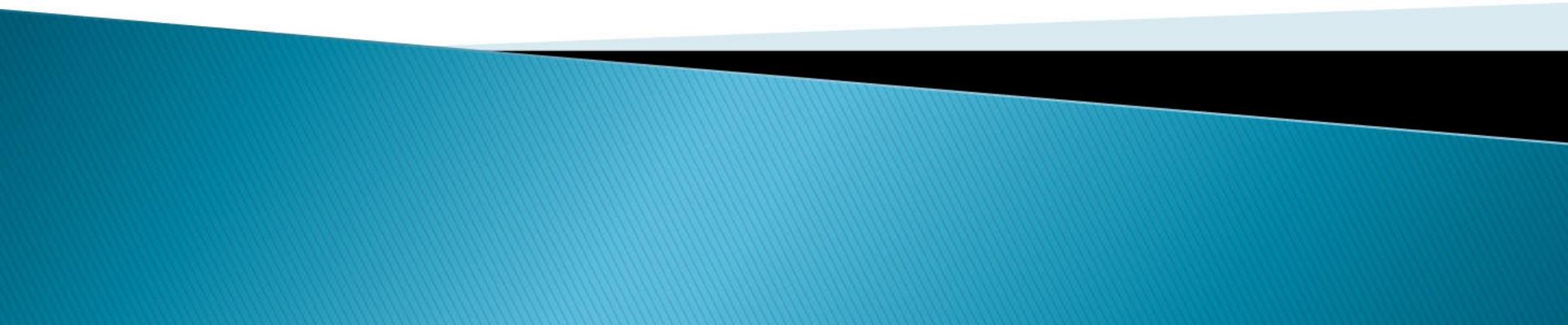
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Thank you very much Bryan.

We'll make sure and pass your message to our chief and will continue to work together.

Respectfully,

(b) (6), (b) (7)

(C)  
RGV Sector Wall Project Delivery Team

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Mr. Robert Jess, Manager  
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August 15, 2017

Dear Mr. Jess:

The Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge (FLANWR) is writing this letter to express our opposition to the proposed 3-mile border wall through the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR).

The mission of FLANWR is to support and enhance the Laguna Atascosa NWR, which is located approximately 60 miles east of the Santa Anna NWR. We believe that the ecological and social impacts from this proposed wall have the potential to negatively affect the Santa Ana NWR and the surrounding communities, including the Laguna Atascosa NWR.

The Santa Ana NWR provides habitat that is historically vital for federally listed species like the endangered jaguarundi and ocelot and is essential for efforts underway to recover the U.S. ocelot population. Ocelot conservation and management is one of the highest priorities for the Laguna Atascosa NWR, and maintaining a natural river corridor is essential to connect U.S. and Mexico ocelot populations in order to maintain genetic diversity. With access literally cut off, the U.S. population would suffer from a lack of genetic diversity.

Recent reports have even suggested the wall could block public access to the Santa Anna NWR visitor center and many birding trails, including the canopy walk and tower. This will very likely reduce visitation at the Santa Ana NWR, as was seen after the border wall cut access off to the World Birding Center at the Hidalgo Pumphouse. The 2,088-acre Santa Ana NWR is one of the top bird-watching destinations in the U.S., hosting more than 400 species of birds. Known as the "crown jewel" of the National Wildlife Refuge system, the Santa Ana NWR attracts an estimated 160,000 visitors per year<sup>1</sup> and contributes substantially to the \$463 million annual<sup>2</sup> ecotourism economy in the Rio

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.mystatesman.com/news/state--regional/border-wall-may-sidestep-review-and-cut-off-access-wildlife-refuge/vqdQYHIUXpRdUYX76VtGAN/>

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Grande Valley (Valley). For most out of town visitors, the Santa Ana Refuge is one of the primary reasons for visiting the Valley<sup>3</sup>. Therefore, reduced visitation at the Santa Ana NWR translates to decreased ecotourism in the Valley, which will affect other natural areas, including the Laguna Atascosa NWR.

Finally, FLANWR cannot support actions in any National Wildlife Refuge system that circumvent environmental protections and public input processes such as the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act that would normally be applied to a construction project like this. The 2008 amendment to the border wall legislation that required Homeland Security to consult with local stakeholders to “minimize the impact on the environment, culture, commerce and quality of life” needs to be upheld as well. Given the unique biodiversity, presence of numerous endangered species, and high visitation at the Santa Ana NWR, omitting any environmental review and public input for a project with such a high capacity to cause ecological and social impacts is particularly unconscionable.

With reports that the border wall through the Santa Ana NWR will begin construction as early as November, your urgency on opposing this issue is critical. Construction of this 3-mile segment of the border wall through the Santa Ana NWR before completing a total legislatively approved border wall plan, securing all funds and legal rights to build it through the mostly private property along the border, determining the environmental effects of the existing wall already present in the Rio Grande Valley, and exploring other options such as utilizing technology instead of a wall, will be nothing more than devastating, expensive, and an unnecessary overreach of the executive branch.

Sincerely,



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<sup>2</sup> Texas A&M University, 2011. Economic Impact of Nature Tourism on the Rio Grande Valley: Considering Peak and Off-Peak Visitation for 2011

<sup>3</sup> Dietsch, AM, NR Sexton, L Koontz, and SJ Conk. 2012. National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Survey 2012: Individual Refuge Results for Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

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## Conversation Contents

border fence letter from friends group

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**Sent:** Fri Aug 18 2017 08:10:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>, Keenan Adams <[keenan\\_adams@fws.gov](mailto:keenan_adams@fws.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Fri Aug 18 2017 09:04:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
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## INFORMATION/BRIEFING MEMORANDUM FOR THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

DATE: August 15, 2017  
FROM: Refuges.....  
SUBJECT: Ensuring Compliance with Existing Laws and Waivers in Support of Border Security

It remains a top priority to continue to work cooperatively with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to address border security issues. To do this effectively and efficiently, it is important to gain clarification on our role as well as to have a better understanding about existing laws and waivers currently in place.

### BACKGROUND

Following the passage of the Real ID Act of 2005 and the Secure Fence Act of 2006, the Department of the Interior (DOI) recognized the safety of both visitors and employees were compromised by illegal immigration and drug trafficking and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in cooperation with DHS and the Department of Agriculture in March 2006. This MOU is titled Cooperative National Security and Counterterrorism efforts on Federal Lands along the United States' Borders. It established the framework for communication and coordination between agencies to protect national security, safeguard human life and stop degradation of natural and cultural resources impacted by illegal border-related activities.

In 2008, DHS exercised waiver authority to expedited advancements in border security and DOI issued statements of support. The Secretary stated it in DOI's best interests to assist DHS in constructing border security infrastructure in a manner that avoids or minimizes the effects of these facilities upon the natural and cultural resources of the area. Through agreements and cooperative efforts, the agencies are experiencing enhanced coordination at field and national levels, i.e. sector leaders and national borderland coordinator. We are also seeing an improved process for resolving challenging and overcoming difficult issues.

### DISCUSSION

Currently the Southwest Region is not aware of any official proposed action, nor have we received a notice of intent from DHS or CBP on any proposed action(s). In addition, to our knowledge DHS has not issued a waiver in regards to the specific geographic area that would potentially include the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge.

This being the case, we feel it is prudent to seek clarification on the following: Do we consider ourselves (the Service) to be in "informal consultation" with DHS/CBP/BP in regards to FY18 proposed border wall construction in South Texas? If yes, are there specific requirements we must adhere as we move forward?

We also seek a response to a question posed by Senator Cornyn's Office during a recent meeting. Is the proposed FY18 border wall construction in South Texas identified in/covered by any of the following laws and/or past waivers issued by DHS:

- REAL ID Act of 2005
- Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996
- Secure Fence Act of 2006

- DHS Waiver of 2008

If yes, what if any laws and regulations are waived for the Service?

#### **NEXT STEPS**

- Following determination of existing waivers, laws and regulations, the Service will continue to cooperate and coordinate with DHS/CBP/BP and redefine processes for addressing border security in a manner that minimizes impacts to both natural and cultural resources as needed.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Summary of REAL Act of 2005 – Title III Border Infrastructure

Secure Fence Act of 2006

DOI / DHS MOU

DHS Waiver (2008)

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**DELIBERATIVE: Briefing Paper: Border Wall Real ID Act**

**Attachments:**

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**Sent:** Wed Aug 16 2017 07:59:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aaron Archibeque <aaron\_archibeque@fws.gov>, Kelly McDowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, "Tincher, Chris" <chris\_tincher@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** DELIBERATIVE: Briefing Paper: Border Wall Real ID Act  
**Attachments:** Draft BP Border Real ID SecureFence Acts.docx

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**To:** "Adams, Keenan" <keenan\_adams@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: DELIBERATIVE: Briefing Paper: Border Wall Real ID Act

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# FY18 Proposed Border Wall

Anticipated Acreage Impacts at  
Santa Ana NWR &  
Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR Tracts  
in Hidalgo County, Texas

Chris Perez, Wildlife Biologist  
Bryan Winton, Refuge Manager

# SANTA ANA NWR – 2,088 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (42.6 acres); 100' (28.8 acres); 50' (14.4 acres)



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## MONTERREY BANCO TRACT - 101 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (14.3 acres); 100' (9.9 acres); 50' (5.0 acres)



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# LLANO GRANDE BANCO – 186 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (42.6 acres); 100' (28.8 acres); 50' (14.4 acres)



# ROSARIO BANCO - 34 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (5.4 acres); 100' (4.2 acres); 50' (2.1 acres)



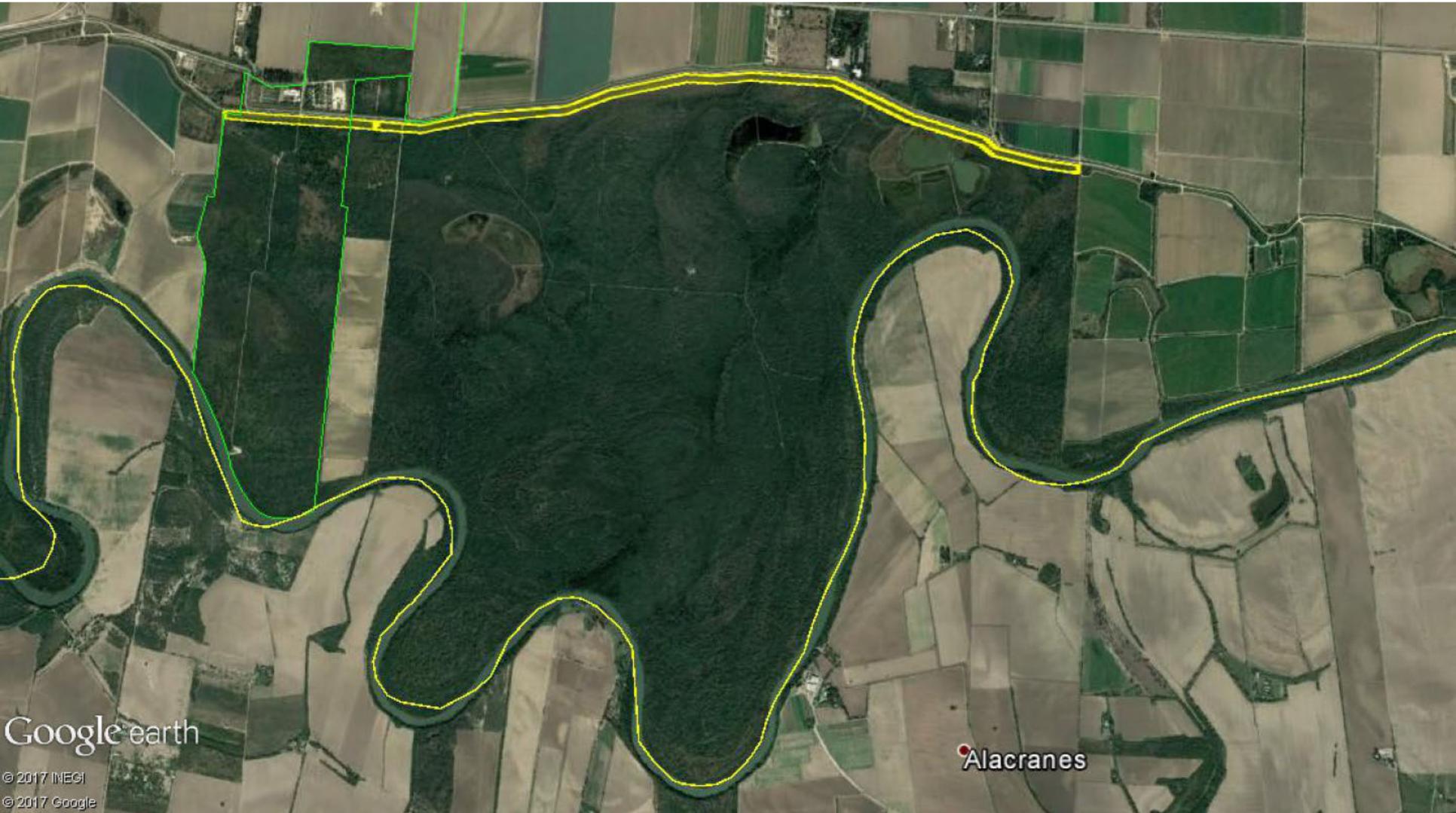
# SANTA MARIA – 585 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (4.8 acres); 100' (3.9 acres); 50' (2.0 acres)



## SANTA ANA NWR – 2,088 acres

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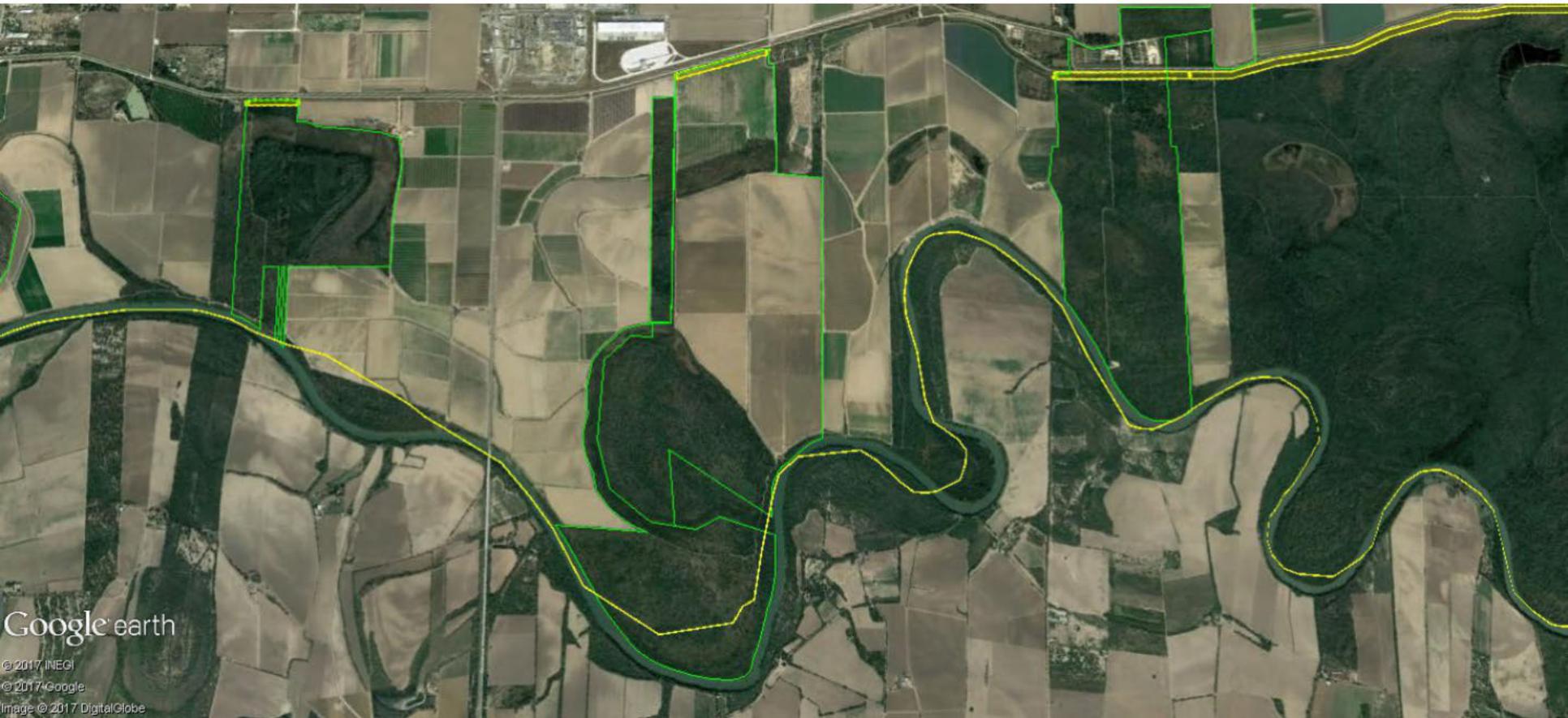
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## MILAGRO – 846 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (5.4 acres); 100' (4.3 acres); 50' (2.1 acres)



## VELA WOODS – 225 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (2.5 acres); 100' (2.3 acres); 50' (1.1 acres)



# PATE BEND - 456 acres & HIDALGO BEND - 547 acres

PB: Buffer acreage: 150' (26.2 acres); 100' (18.2 acres); 50' (9.1 acres)

HB: Buffer acreage: 150' (23.5 acres); 100' (16.2 acres); 50' (8.1 acres)

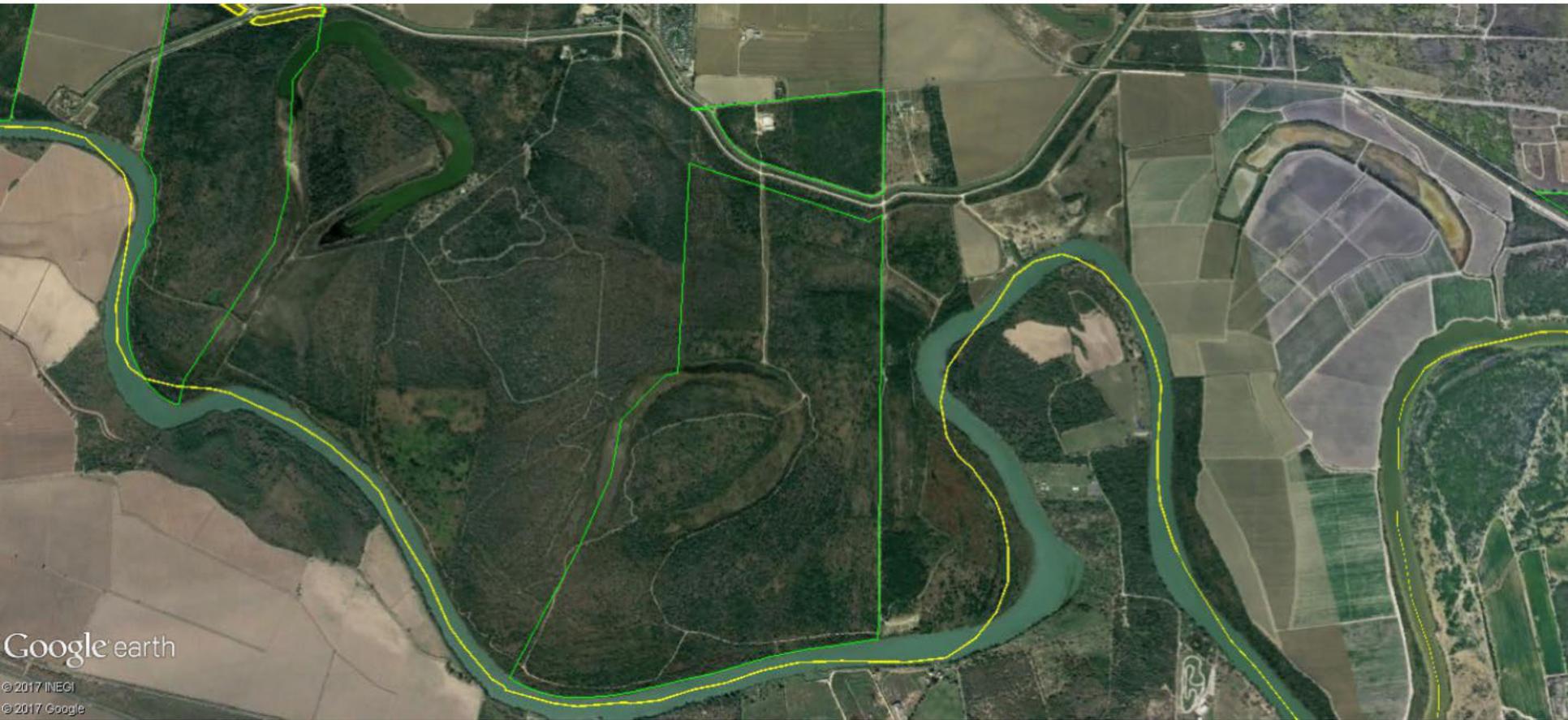


## MADERO – 273 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (10.0 acres); 100' (8.3 acres); 50' (4.2 acres)



# EL MORILLO BANCO – 654 acres



## LA PARIDA BANCO – 447 acres

Buffer acreage: 150' (8.0 acres); 100' (5.4 acres); 50' (2.7 acres)



**ABRAMS WEST – 257 acres, KISKADEE WMA, – 14 acres, ABRAMS – 220 acres**

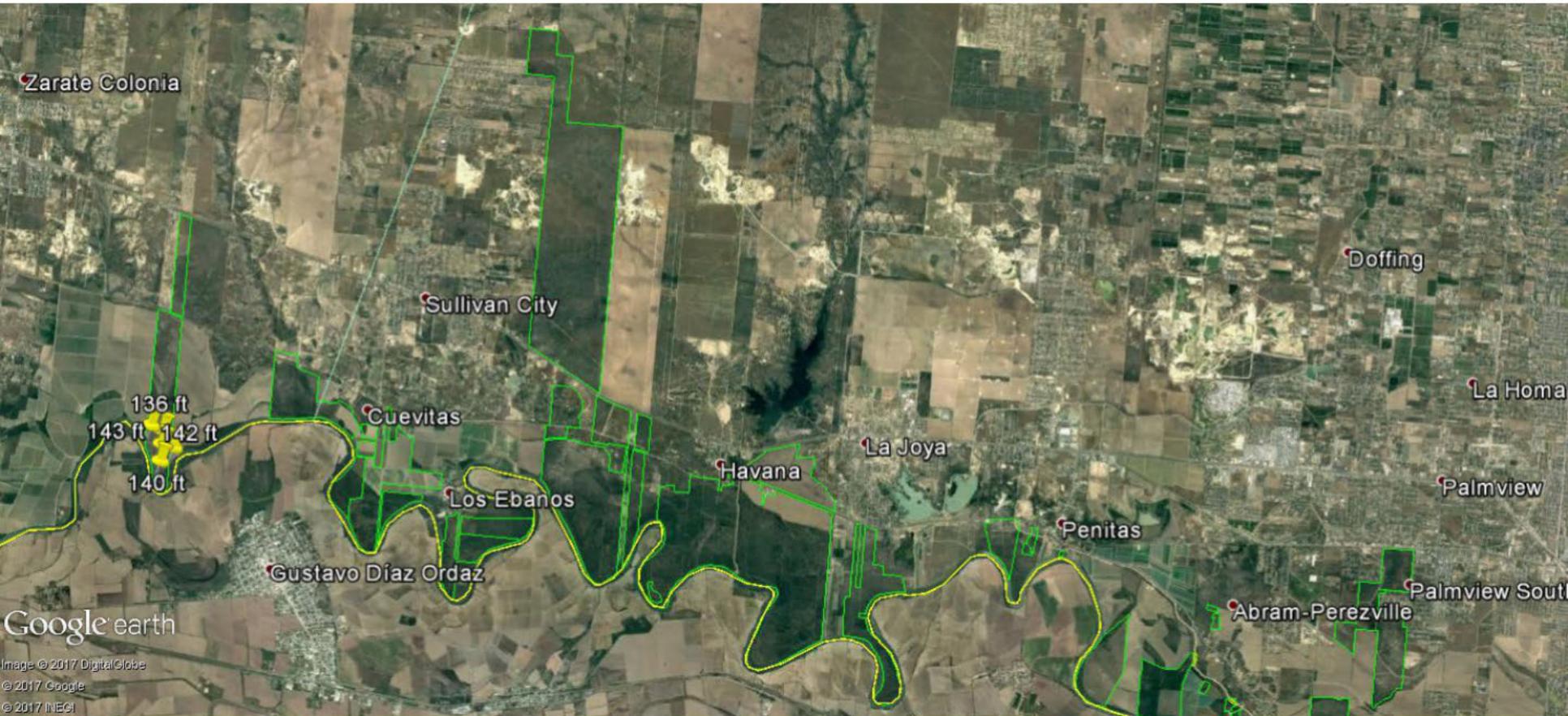
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A: Buffer acreage: 150' (2.7 acres); 100' (1.8 acres); 50' (0.9 acres)



# WESTERNMOST HIDALGO COUNTY LRGV NWR TRACTS

Buffer acreage: 150' (42.6 acres); 100' (28.8 acres); 50' (14.4 acres)



Hidalgo Co. Affected Tract (W to E)	150 ft. (Acreage Impacts within refuge bdy polygon) See KMZ files	75 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	100 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	50 ft. (Approximate acreage impacts)	Polygon Length (ft)
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### Key Points:

- FWS is part of a collaborative partnership of the Rio Grande Valley Sector, Texas, Customs & Border Protection and South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex which consists of the Santa Ana, Lower Rio Grande Valley and Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuges.
- Since 2012, the FWS South Texas National Wildlife Refuge Complex (STRC) and Customs & Border Protection (CBP) have increased communication and coordination regarding a wide range of activities.
- Since installation of border fence in 2007, CBP determined border threats shifted and there is an increase in illegal crossings and drug trafficking on the Refuge. For example from 10/2013 to 3/2014, there were 90,000 illegals were detained and 320,000 pounds of illegal drugs confiscated, primarily from FWS lands (more recent numbers not readily available, but based on CBP reports are believed to have increased).
- CBP partnered with the FWS Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge to provide staff to operate the “Store Front” which consists of office space within the visitor access area—dedicated CBP personnel now have contact with over 200,000 refuge visitors to communicate and educate on the benefits of CBP on these specific NWRs.
- At the Marinoff Tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR, FWS STRC Law Enforcement officers and CBP agents are co-located in an office at the site to increase presence and coordination between officers at the ground level. The site is also used to store CBP boats, equipment, and other essentials in an effort to: overall reduce fuel consumption; increase CBP access to the Rio Grande River; and to increase area law enforcement presence on the Santa Ana NWR and surrounding tracts of the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR, especially for public (and staff) safety purposes.
- CBP conducts routine road maintenance and vegetation management activities on a multitude of Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR refuge tracts, under a Special Use Permit with FWS.

### Background:

- Following the passage of the Real ID Act of 2005 and the Secure Fence Act of 2006, the Department of the Interior (DOI) recognized the safety of both visitors and employees were compromised by illegal immigration and drug trafficking and signed a Memorandum of Understanding in cooperation with DHS and the Department of Agriculture in March 2006. This MOU is titled Cooperative National Security and Counterterrorism efforts on Federal Lands along the United States’ Borders. It established the framework for communication and coordination between agencies to protect national security, safeguard human life and stop degradation of natural and cultural resources impacted by illegal border-related activities.
- CBP established the Public Lands Liaison Agent position to coordinate CBP activities affecting Federal lands. Quarterly Border Management Task Force meetings were established, which initiated the process of significantly improving coordination and relations between CBP and the Service.
- Through agreements and cooperative efforts, the agencies are experiencing enhanced coordination at field and national levels.



## Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge is home to 400 bird species, 450 types of plants, half of all butterfly species found in North America, and such rarities as the indigo snake and altamira oriole. Considered the jewel of the National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) system, the 2,088-acre refuge is also the most popular and best known wildlife refuge in the Valley. Though small in size, the Santa Ana NWR offers visitors an opportunity to see birds, butterflies and many other species not found anywhere else in the United States beyond deep South Texas.



The Santa Ana NWR is home to resident species like green jays, chachalacas and great kiskadees, making it one of the top birding destinations in the world. The refuge is important habitat for birds from the Central and Mississippi flyways that funnel through on their way to and from Central and South America. Other bird species, like the groove-billed ani, reach the northern limit of their range in South Texas and do not go much further north than deep South Texas. The refuge features an observation tower, a "canopy" walkway, and a visitor center with several displays and a store.

A visit to the refuge has been said to be taking a step into a rare tropical world. At an ecological crossroad, Santa Ana NWR is strategically located where subtropical climate, gulf coast, Great Plains and Chihuahuan desert meet. Spanish moss hangs from tall-reaching ebony trees and sabal palms rise between prickly pear cacti, providing habitat for the ocelot and jaguarundi, two endangered cat species known to still prowl the deep forest. Established in 1943 for the protection of migratory birds, the Santa Ana NWR sits along an east-west and north-south juncture of two major migratory routes for many species of birds. This small island of habitat along the most southern stretch of the Rio Grande attracts visitors from around the world. They come to enjoy the unique wildlife that can only be found here, one of the most biologically diverse regions in the United States.

According to the City of Alamo, nature tourists visiting Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge exceed 165,000 per year, with 99,000 of them here to go birding. More than 90% stay three-to-seven nights at local motels and bed and breakfasts. These visitors spend an estimated \$34 million per year into Alamo and surrounding communities, including McAllen, Texas.



# **Label: "Border Wall"**

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**Aislinn: DRAFT - revised BP with info on Santa Ana for Micah Chambers**

**Attachments:**

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**"Tincher, Chris" <chris\_tincher@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Tincher, Chris" <chris\_tincher@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Aug 21 2017 10:39:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Aislinn: DRAFT - revised BP with info on Santa Ana for Micah Chambers  
**Attachments:** BP-Border-CBP\_FWS\_Coordination-SouthTexas.doc

Aislinn,

At the end of last week we got some crazy last minute requests for a proposed tour by Senator Cruz's Office. One I didn't get to until this weekend was a request for info on Santa Ana NWR and the relationship with BP. I checked DTS and the web for the attached draft. It has not gone anywhere except to Keenan.

Beth - thoughts?  
Chris

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**From:** Tincher, Chris <[chris\\_tincher@fws.gov](mailto:chris_tincher@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 20, 2017 at 5:34 PM  
**Subject:** revised BP with info on Santa Ana for Micah Chambers  
**To:** Keenan Adams <[keenan\\_adams@fws.gov](mailto:keenan_adams@fws.gov)>

Hi Keenan,  
On Friday, CLA asked for information on Santa Ana NWR for Micah Chambers. I found a 2014 BP on the Santa Ana with border patrol coordination I thought might do the trick. I made a few updates to it. I also pulled some info from the Refuge's website and the City of Alamo to give a description of the Refuge itself (pg 2), with a couple of images.

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NATIVE TEXAN

# Border wall through refuge threatens to close paths for wildlife in the Valley

ALAMO — Meandering along a dirt trail through thick stands of mesquite near the Rio Grande, I sense movement in the brush beside the trail just ahead. As I get closer, I spot a rabbit, a cottontail that finally acknowledges my presence when I get maybe 10 yards away. The little creature glances

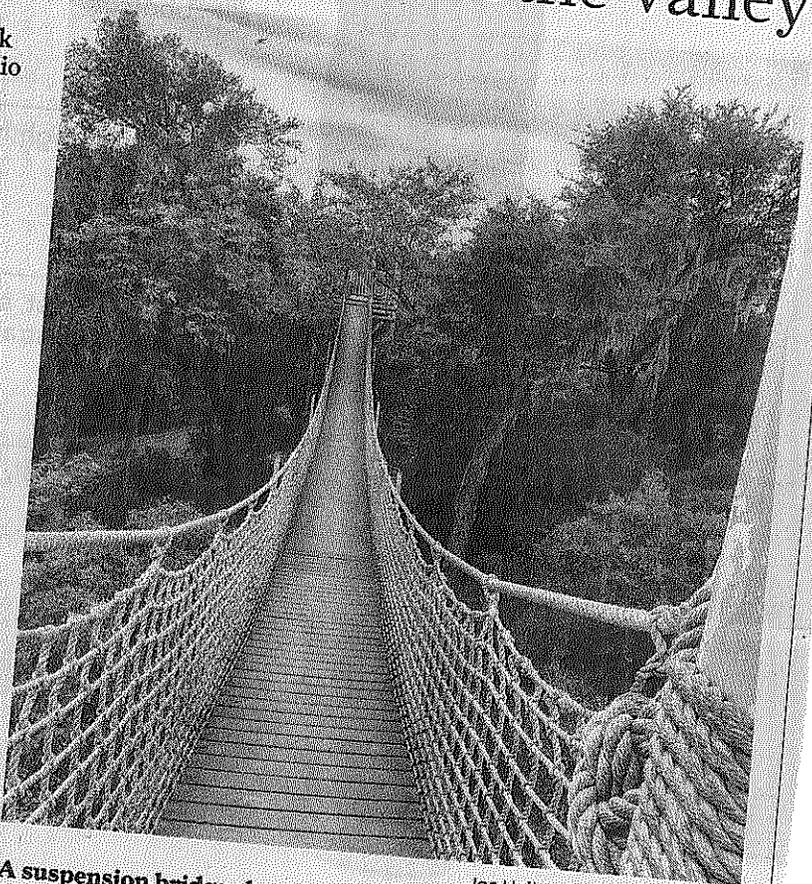


JOE HOLLEY

up with big brown eyes and then goes back to nibbling green leaves on a fallen branch.

Maybe the cottontail is slow to respond because it's young, or because it's lucky enough to inhabit a wildlife refuge, one of the most biologically diverse in America. Here in the Rio Grande Valley, just a few miles from roaring Houston-style freeways, endless strip centers and subdivisions spreading amoeba-like through what used to be citrus orchards and cotton fields are 2,088 federally protected acres in a bend of the river. The refuge protects not only cottontail rabbits but also Texas tortoises, wolves, coyotes, javelinas, armadillos, bobcats, more than 300 butterfly species and the endangered jaguarundi and ocelot.

The creatures inhabit the oldest piece of old-growth forest on



Joe Holley / Houston Chronicle  
A suspension bridge above the canopy of the old-growth forest gives a bird's-eye view of the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge.

the Rio Grande, woodlands that include venerable moss-draped ebony trees, flowering huisache and towering sabol palms, along with the ubiquitous mesquite. Animals are drawn to refuge wetlands resembling the tropics

and open fields scattered like giant postage stamps among the forested areas. Created by the federal government in 1943 for the protection of migratory birds, this riparian corridor is

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# Holley: Most of native habitat already gone

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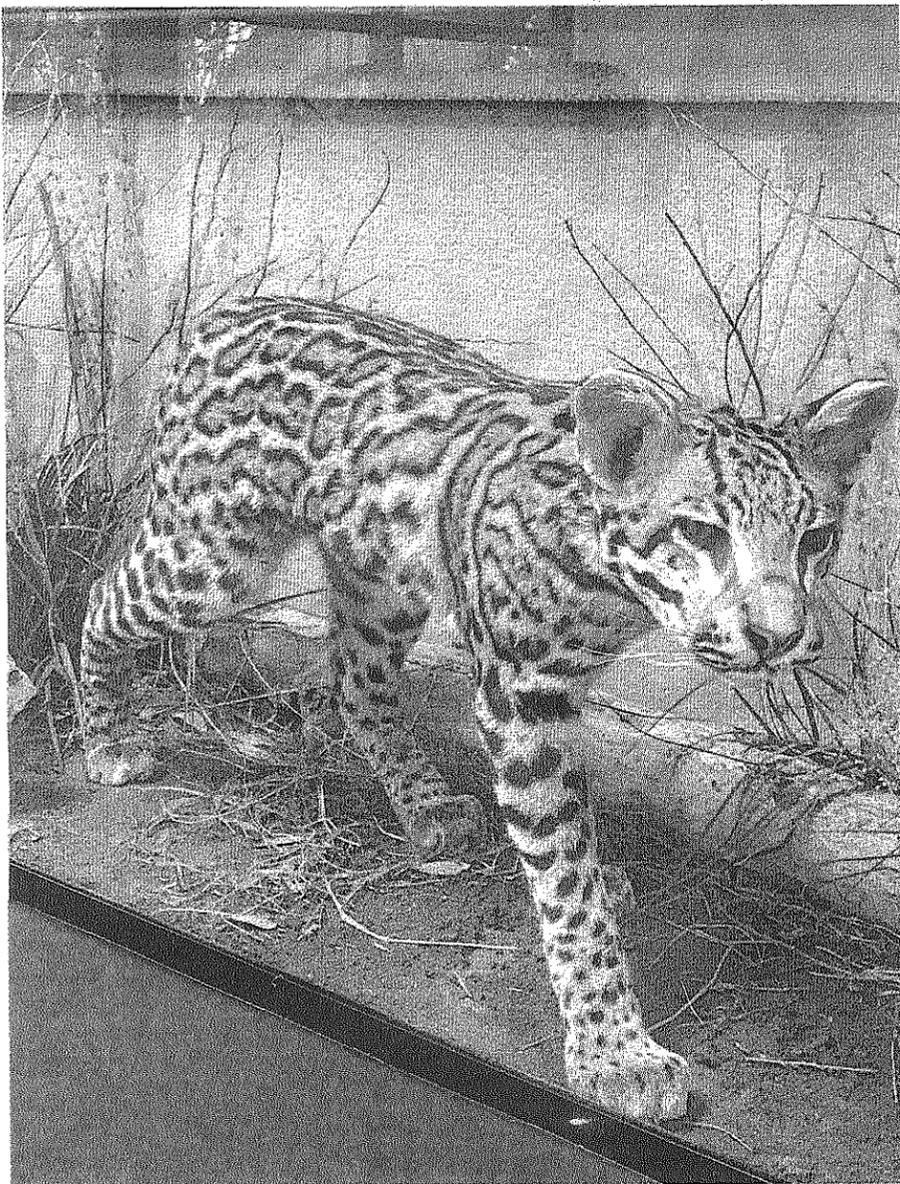
managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Although the refuge was quiet and almost deserted on the muggy weekday afternoon I visited, it attracts thousands of bird-watchers in the spring and fall, enthusiasts from around the world eager to catch a glimpse of some 400 species, many of which they won't see anywhere else. I happened upon a flock of bronze cowbirds flitting about in a mesquite tree beside the trail, but I didn't see, as far as I know, what birders call "rare vagrants," species from elsewhere that just happen to drop by. A ranger I talked to mentioned the northern jacana, a wetland bird that drops by from as far away as Cuba and Panama, and the rose-throated becard from 500 miles to the south, in Mexico. (I had to look up both; they're beautiful.)

### 'Refuge ... their doom'

These days the denizens of this subtropical ecosystem, and the people who care about them, face a far more invasive force than a gnat-swatting, note-scribbling hiker from the big city. If President Donald Trump gets to build the "big, beautiful wall" he has promised, the Department of Homeland Security will drive the 18-foot-tall barrier straight through this refuge and others nearby, through what a local congressman calls "these national treasures and sacred places." Most of the Santa Ana refuge would be on the other side of the concrete and iron-bollard wall; its visitors' center would be on this side. Presumably, there would be a gate.

Without venturing into contentious border-wall



An estimated 50 ocelots remain in the U.S. and are spotted occasionally in the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. A stuffed version is on display.

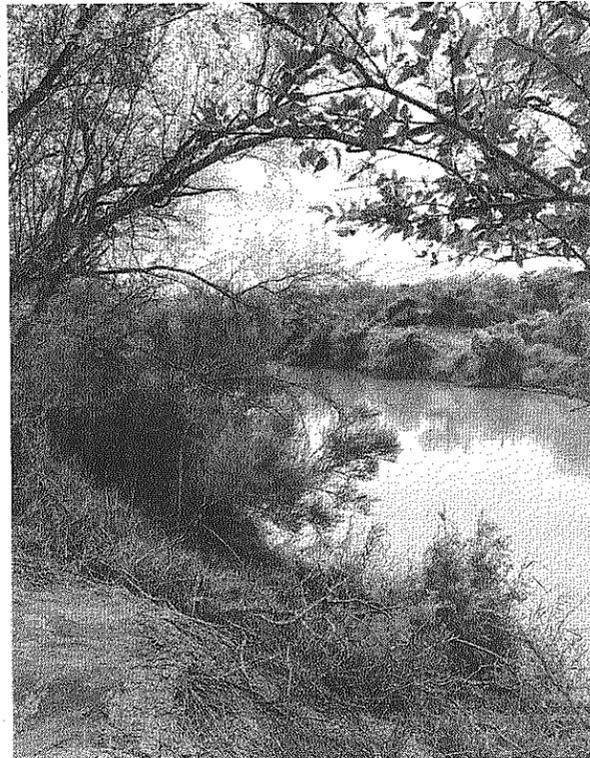
politics, it's pretty obvious that a barrier changes things drastically. Birds, rare vagrants and otherwise, can fly over, but endangered ocelots, beautiful spotted creatures that resemble big house cats, cannot. Nor can the jaguarundi, a small-dun-colored wildcat that favors lowland brush areas close to a source of running water. They'll be cut off from their water source, or, if the Rio Grande floods, they'll be trapped.

"The refuge that was

built to save them ends up being their doom" said Jim Chapman, vice president of the Friends of the Wildlife Corridor, a nonprofit group that advocates for the Valley's native habitat. In a phone conversation earlier this week, Chapman pointed out that it's not just the Santa Ana refuge that's threatened. "There are 20 refuge tracts in Hidalgo County alone that would be affected by a border wall," he said.

In the little border

town of Progreso, near the refuge, is a restored mission-style depot that served the San Benito & Rio Grande Valley Railroad in the 1920s. Now owned by a private company, the tidy, little structure is a reminder that the Valley was pretty much quasi-desert rangeland less than a century ago, before land developers enticed potential buyers from the Midwest and elsewhere to board special trains and come investigate the "Magic



Joe Holley photos / Houston Chronicle

The riparian corridor along the Rio Grande is one of the most biologically diverse areas in the nation.

Valley." An old chamber of commerce promotional film available on YouTube reminded Midwesterners that "while it's freezing in Chicago, it's summer in the Valley."

Into those early decades of the 20th century, wilderness areas were the norm, not the vanishing exception. They're pre-Texas, pre-Mexico, pre-history. Now that the Valley is one of the fastest-growing regions in the country, 95 percent of native habitat is gone, converted into agricultural usage or urban sprawl.

### The true cost

Standing on the quiet bank of the river, thick forest on this side and green farmland on the Mexican side, I saw no drug smugglers, human traffickers or undocumented border-crossers scuttling through the brush. That's not to say, of course, that they don't

venture into the refuge, perhaps near the little bluff where I stood. But Homeland Security is building a wall through Santa Ana not for tactical reasons but because it's comparatively easy. Building on government property means officials can avoid having to deal with landowners up and down the river who resent having their property seized and are likely to sue.

A wall is not the only way to achieve border security, but unlike drones or sensors or high technology, it's a symbol as much as it is a barrier. A multibillion-dollar wall will never go away, ever. Wildlife will. A wall's effect on ocelots and rabbits and old-growth forests might make us ponder, to borrow from Thoreau, "the true cost of a thing."

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**Sent:** Tue Aug 15 2017 07:16:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
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**Sent:** Tue Aug 15 2017 08:22:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Marcus, Stuart" <stuart\_marcus@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re:

Stuart,

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**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re:

In these stressful times it's hard to laugh, but I do my best!.

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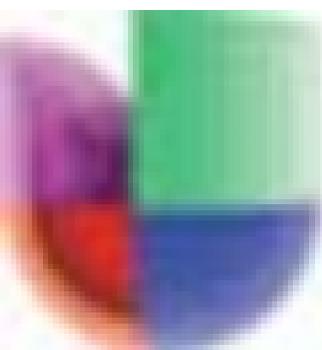
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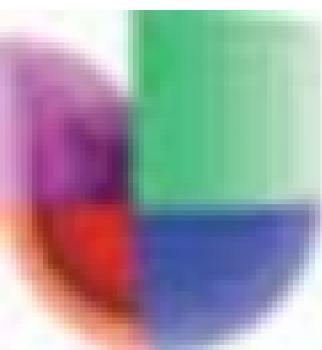
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Date: Mon, Aug 14, 2017 at 4:23 PM  
Subject: Media inquiry - border wall  
To: "[Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)" <[Christine\\_Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)>

Hi Christine,

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**To:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Tue Aug 15 2017 08:49:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** mfelix@univision.net  
**CC:** Christine Donald <Christine\_Donald@fws.gov>  
**BCC:** robert\_jess@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Re: Media inquiry - border wall

Good morning Melvin,

I was forwarded your request by a colleague. At this time we do not have anyone available for interview on this topic. Here is our statement for the media:

*"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 all border specific inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at*

[cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov)."

If you would like to film on the refuge, we have a Special Use Permit available for you at the front desk. Simply ask the representative and they will help you.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

- Aislinn

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## **INFORMATION SUMMARY REPORT**

From the Desk of: Bryan R. Winton, Refuge Manager for Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR

Date: July 10, 2017

On July 6, 2017, Customs & Border Protection (CBP) – officials from Headquarters CBP, Contractors, Engineers, and other staff/experts assigned to Tactical Infrastructure support programs with CBP, met at Santa Ana NWR with FWS representatives with NWRS (Rob Jess and Bryan Winton) and FWS ES (Ernesto Reyes). NWRS Refuge Supervisor, Kelly McDowell also participated via Conference Call, but may not have been able to view Powerpoint information (details of sites/locations/impacts, etc).

The purpose of the meeting was for CBP officials to inform FWS of proposed FY17 and FY18 Border Infrastructure improvements that would include establishment of a 150' "Enforcement Zone" which would entail clearing all vegetation south of existing CBP Border Wall segments in Hidalgo County—in both Weslaco and McAllen Station AORs (Area of Responsibilities).

FY17 Budget plans, even if there is nothing more than a Continuing Resolution, would include completion of 35 Border Fence gates—openings that have existed since the establishment of the first 57 miles of border improvements completed in 2008. FY 17 Budget could also include initiation of clearing and construction of a 2.9 mile segment of Border Wall along the south side of the IBWC levee impacting the Marinoff Tract of LRGV NWR and the entire Santa Ana NWR as associated with the IBWC levee.

The following maps depict LRGV NWR tracts, constructed in 2008, that would also receive clearing of the 150' "Enforcement Zone". The purpose of this report is to show the level of habitat loss associated with previous border fence/wall construction, as well as anticipated impacts associated with proposals to complete Border Wall infrastructure in all remaining Hidalgo County areas that did not receive Border infrastructure improvements in 2008.

In addition, CBP informed the group that they are working on an additional 200 miles of road infrastructure repairs, upgrades, improvements OR ESTABLISHMENT of new roads, which would likely impact the refuge(s) further.

LRGV NWR Refuge Tracts that were impacted by Border Wall in 2008 (West to East):



559000

# Abrams



Kiskadee WMA



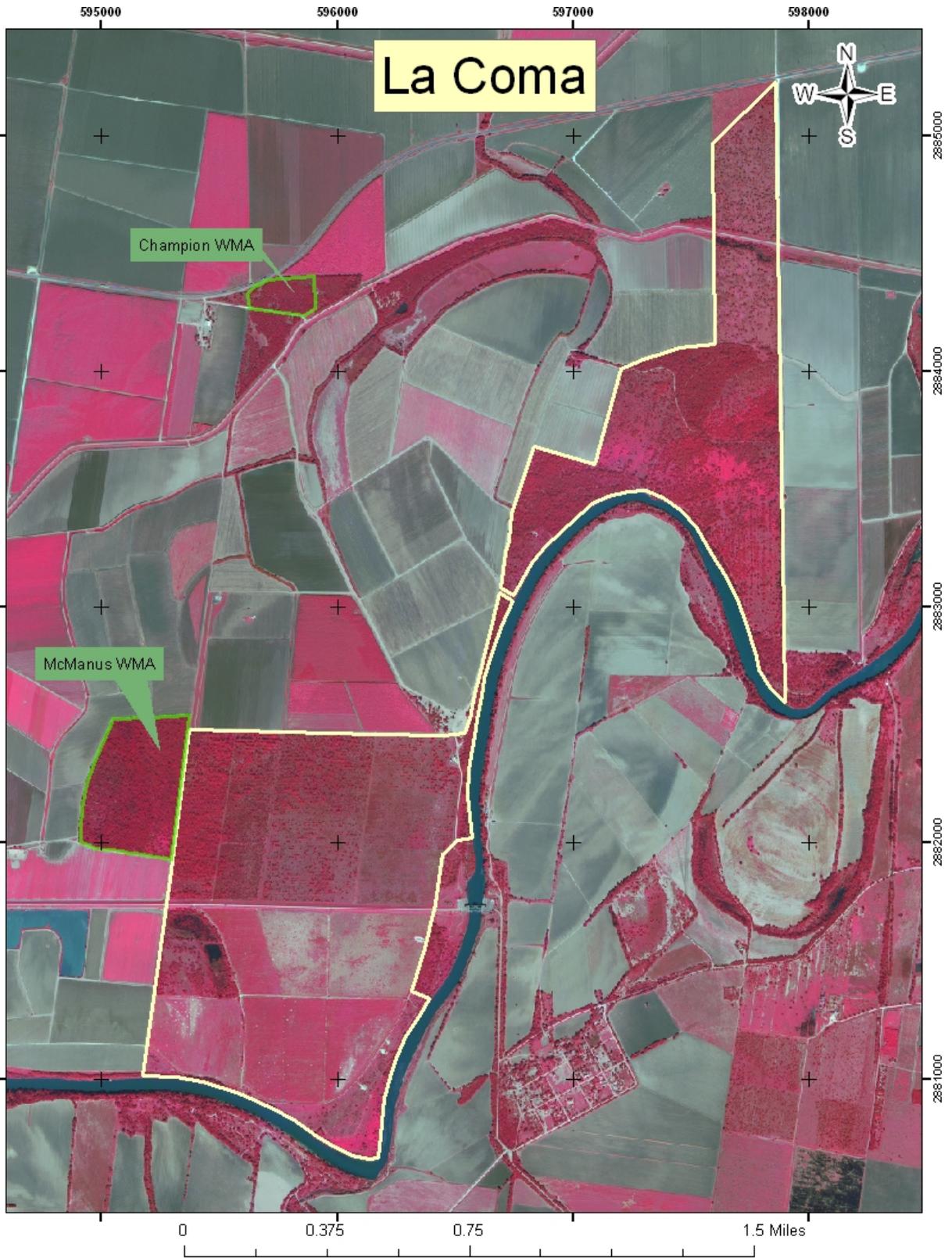
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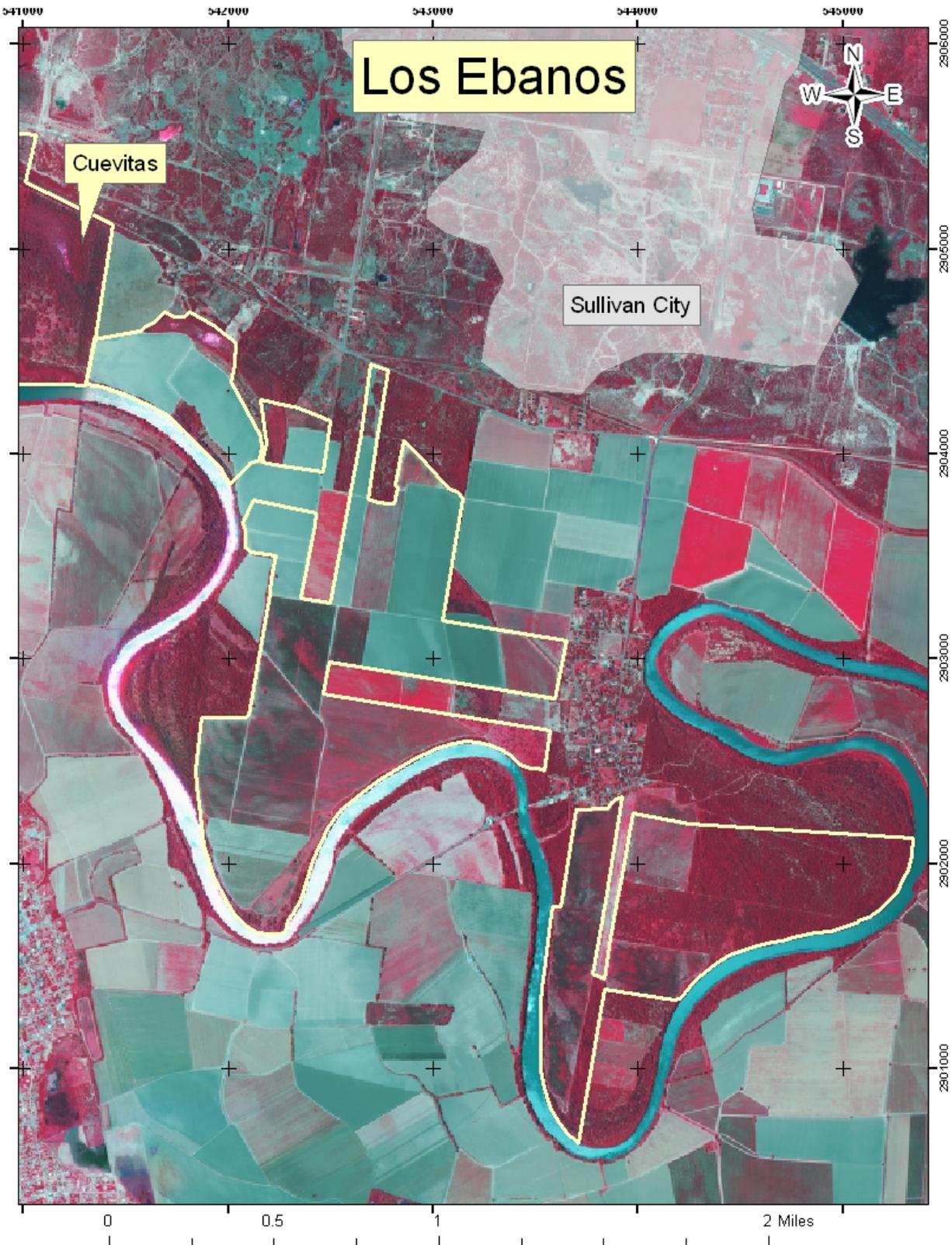






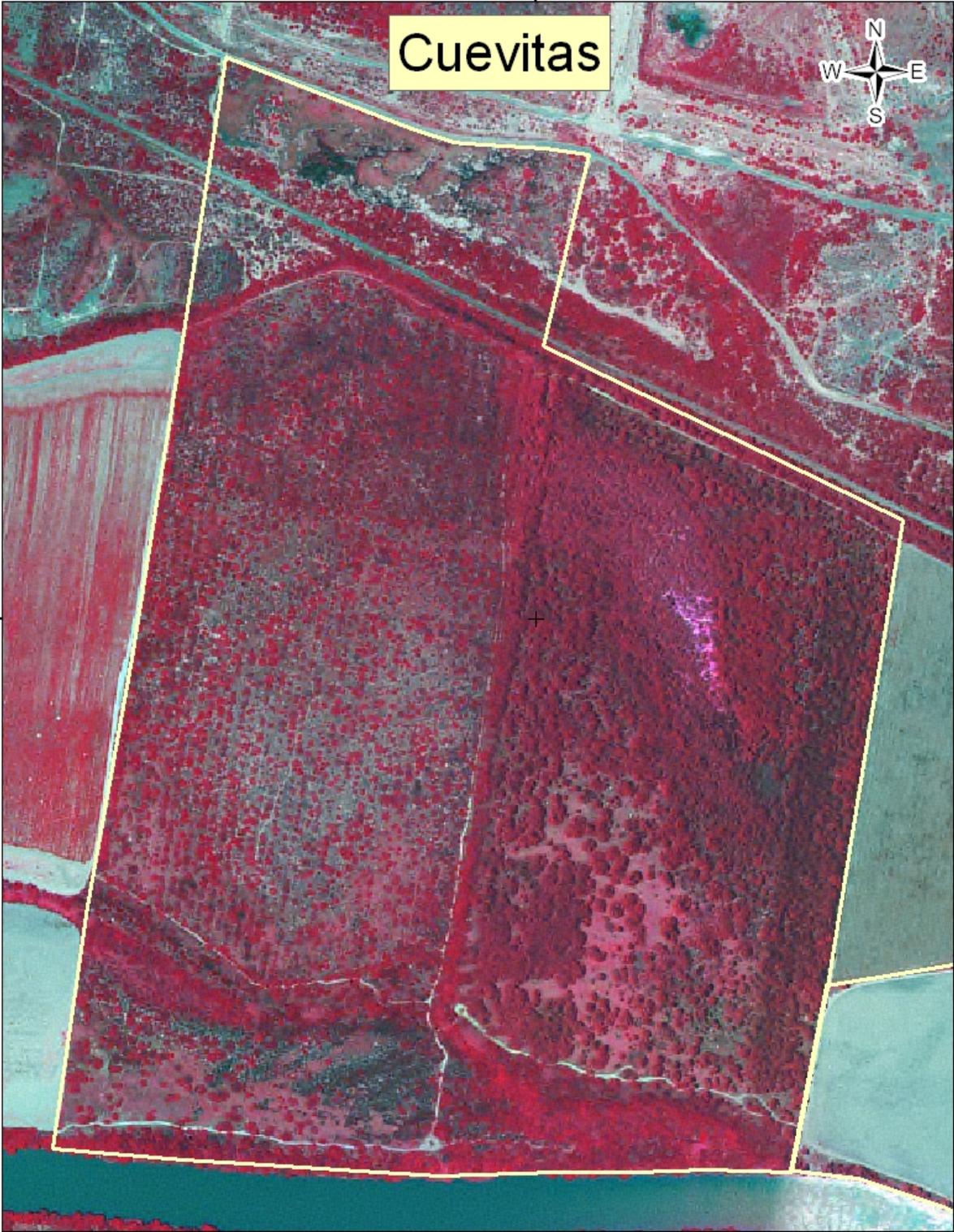


LRGV NWR Tracts in Hidalgo County that are proposed to receive additional Border Wall in 2017 (West to East):



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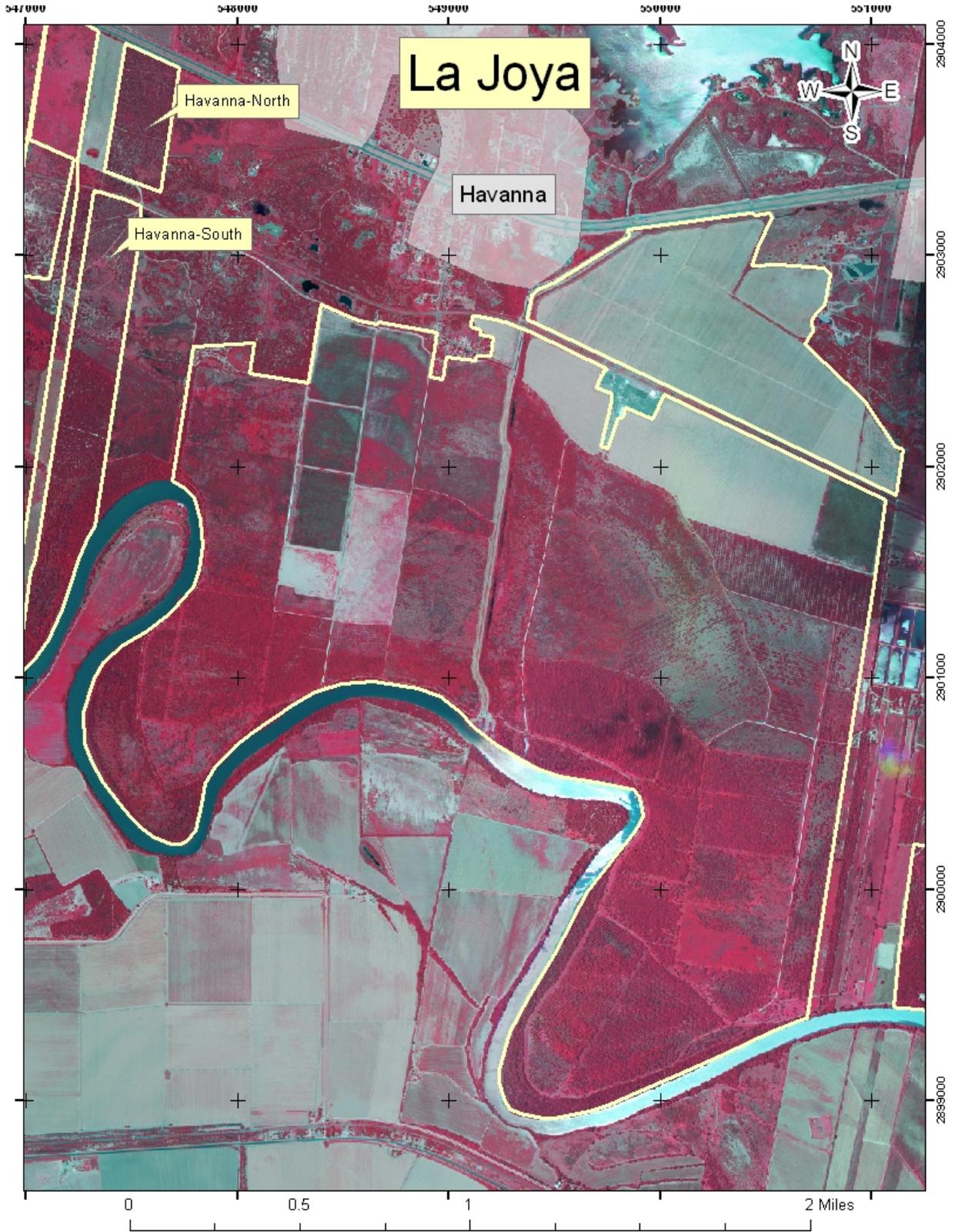


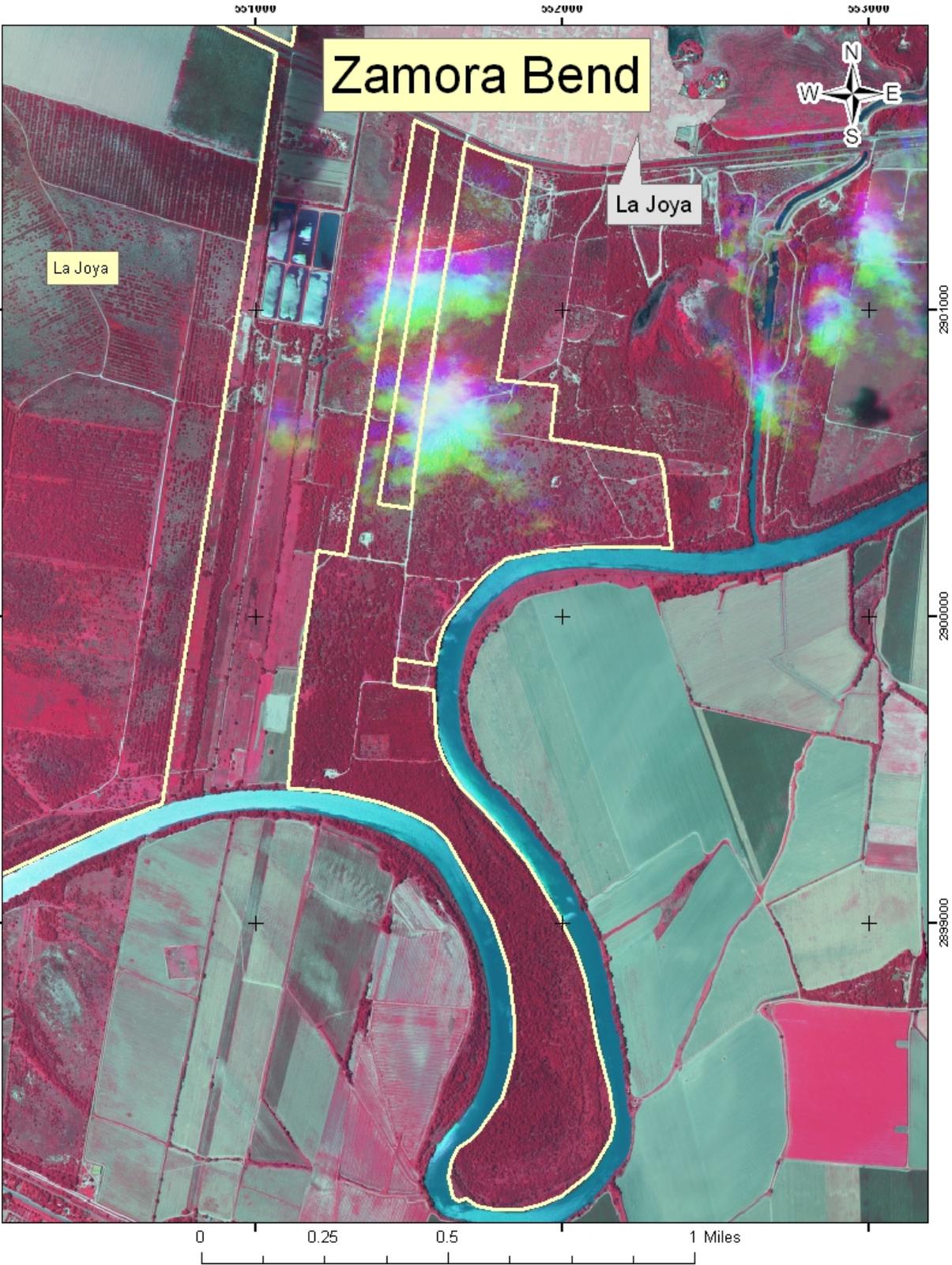
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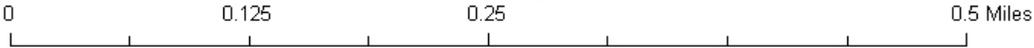
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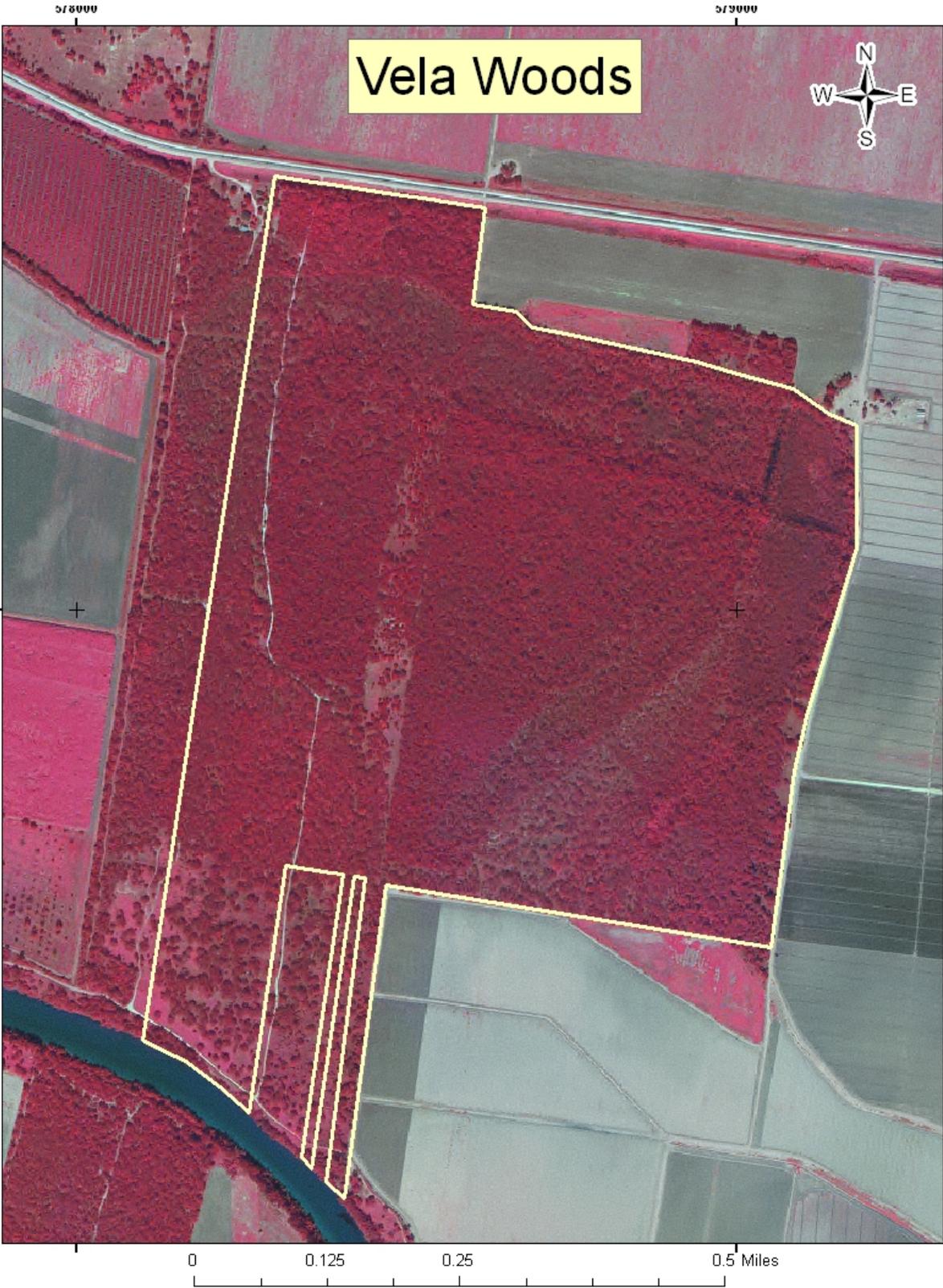


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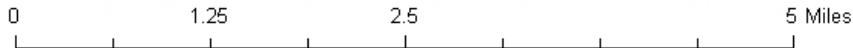
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Kiskadee WMA

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**Sent:** Mon Jul 10 2017 15:52:57 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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To: "Winton, Bryan" <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>

Bryan:

As requested, attached are Google Earth polygons used to calculate potentially affected acreages for the tracts affected by the proposed CBP project. The primary calculation of affected acreage (150-ft zone) comes from the polygons which only include within refuge boundaries. Obviously, there will be much private land impacts as well. These calculations are also based on the assumption that the 150-foot zone will be measured from the toe of the south levee where no fence currently exists or as measured from existing fence. The attached spreadsheet shows all the measurements and totals from the affected tracts in Hidalgo County, as you provided. You can open these Google Earth files by downloading and clicking on them. Then save them to your Google Earth (program will prompt you to do so). You can also print out selected polygons with tract boundaries (which I also included here in case you don't have them).  
Let me know if you need anything else.

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:41 AM, Winton, Bryan <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)> wrote:

I have a marked up copy as an example if you want to use it as a guide. I've thought of an expedited way you can get me the info I need too so when you're up to it.... I'll be around.  
bryan

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Perez, Chris <[chris\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:chris_perez@fws.gov)> wrote:

I'll see what I can do; I'll be working on that this morning and following up on the Yturria plan if time permits.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Winton, Bryan <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)> wrote:

Attached is a summary of maps that are slated to be impacted in one way, shape or form, with regard to recent proposals by CBP for additional border wall in Hidalgo County, and for revisiting all wall segments previously constructed and establishing a 150' "enforcement zone" on the inside of those border segments as well. Therefore the attachment shows tracts previously receiving infrastructure and the new tracts to be impacted if CBP proceeds with construction of Border Wall in all remaining areas of Hidalgo county.

Since their first priority is Marinoff and Santa Ana (2.9 mile segment), I need a buffer showing 150' inside the mid-slope of the levee, to

show how many acres of vegetation will be lost if they proceed with the buffer. Creating additional maps of 100' and 50' buffer will show acreage/vegetation impacts associated with a negotiated/reduced impact, if we are able to do that.

Can we create separate files for the 3 buffers for each of the tracts affected. I can sit down with you and describe what needs done on each of the attached maps.

First priority is for the 3 maps for Santa Ana NWR so we can begin the negotiation and know what the acreage impact is for the 3 buffer distances.

I tried doing this in Google Earth today but am not well versed in doing this. Scot Edler mentioned he did something like this when Kelly was here to create "buffers" in Arc GIS for light and noise in Cameron County. I asked him to relocate the maps he created then but he didn't get back to me before end of day. Between he, me, and you, I want to get this done as soon as possible.

bryan

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bryan

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**bryan\_winton**  
Sender

**Office 365**

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## How to Fix It

It appears you aren't in the same organization as the group (or a sub-group) you're sending to or your email address isn't on the group's allowed senders list. Ask the owner of the group to grant you permission to send to it, and then try again. If the group belongs to a different organization than yours, contact the organization's customer service department for assistance. If the group is in your organization and you don't know who the group owner is, you can find it by doing the following in either Outlook on the web or Outlook:

- Open your Sent folder and select the original message.
- If you're using Outlook on the web, select the group name located on the To or CC line. If you're using Outlook, double-click the group name located on the To or CC line.
- In Outlook on the web, from the pop-up dialog box, choose Owner. In Outlook, choose Contact. The owner's name is listed under Owner.

The owner of the group may have intentionally chosen to restrict who can send messages to it, and they may not want to adjust the existing restriction. In this case, you'll have to contact the group members by some other means, such as sending an email message to their individual email addresses or contacting them by phone.

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## More Info for Email Admins

Status code: 550 5.7.133

This error occurs when the distribution group, security group, or Office 365 group is configured to accept messages only from authenticated senders (senders in the same organization or those added to the group's allowed senders list).

To fix the issue, the recipient's email admin or the group owner must add the sender's email address to the group's allowed senders list or change the group's delivery management setting to accept messages from senders inside and outside of the organization.

Usually this issue can only be fixed by the recipient's email admin or the group owner.

For more information and steps to fix this error, see [Fix email delivery issues for error code 5.7.133 in Office 365.](#)

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From: Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 10:09 AM

Subject: Re: Map work

To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>

Bryan:

As requested, attached are Google Earth polygons used to calculate potentially affected acreages for the tracts affected by the proposed CBP project. The primary calculation of affected acreage (150-ft zone) comes from the polygons which only include within refuge boundaries. Obviously, here will be much private land impacts as well. These calculations are also based on the assumption that the 150-foot zone will be measured from the toe of the south levee where no fence currently exists or as measured from existing fence. The attached spreadsheet shows all the measurements and totals from the affected tracts in Hidalgo County, as you provided. You can open these Google Earth files by downloading and clicking on them. Then save them to your Google Earth (program will prompt you to do so). You can also print out selected polygons with tract boundaries (which I also included here in case you don't have them). Let me know if you need anything else.

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:41 AM, Winton, Bryan <bryan\_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

I have a marked up copy as an example if you want to use it as a guide. I've thought of an expedited way you can get me the info I need too so when you're up to it.... I'll be around.  
bryan

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov> wrote:

I'll see what I can do; I'll be working on that this morning and following up on the Yturria plan if time permits.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Winton, Bryan <bryan\_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

Attached is a summary of maps that are slated to be impacted in one way, shape or form, with regard to recent proposals by CBP for additional border wall in Hidalgo County, and for revisiting all wall segments previously constructed and establishing a 150' "enforcement zone" on the inside of those border segments as well. Therefore the attachment shows tracts previously receiving infrastructure and the new tracts to be impacted if CBP proceeds with construction of Border Wall in all remaining areas of Hidalgo county.

Since their first priority is Marinoff and Santa Ana (2.9 mile segment), I need a buffer showing 150' inside the mid-slope of the levee, to show how many acres of vegetation will be lost if they proceed with the buffer. Creating additional maps of 100' and 50' buffer will show acreage/vegetation impacts associated with a negotiated/reduced impact, if we are able to do that.

Can we create separate files for the 3 buffers for each of the tracts affected. I can sit down with you and describe what needs done on each of the attached maps.

First priority is for the 3 maps for Santa Ana NWR so we can begin the negotiation and know what the acreage impact is for the 3 buffer distances.

I tried doing this in Google Earth today but am not well versed in doing this. Scot Edler mentioned he did something like this when Kelly [REDACTED] Cameron County. I asked him to relocate the maps he created then but he [REDACTED] and you, I want to get this done as soon as possible.

bryan

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From: Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>

Date: Wed, Jul 12, 2017 at 10:09 AM

Subject: Re: Map work

To: "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>

Bryan:

As requested, attached are Google Earth polygons used to calculate potentially affected acreages for the tracts affected by the proposed CBP project. The primary calculation of affected acreage (150-ft zone) comes from the polygons which only include within refuge boundaries. Obviously, there will be much private land impacts as well. These calculations are also based on the assumption that the 150-foot zone will be measured from the toe of the south levee where no fence currently exists or as measured from existing fence. The attached spreadsheet shows all the measurements and totals from the affected tracts in Hidalgo County, as you provided. You can open these Google Earth files by downloading and clicking on them. Then save them to your Google Earth (program will prompt you to do so). You can also print out selected polygons with tract boundaries (which I also included here in case you don't have them). Let me know if you need anything else.

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:41 AM, Winton, Bryan <bryan\_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

I have a marked up copy as an example if you want to use it as a guide. I've thought of an expedited way you can get me the info I need too so when you're up to it.... I'll be around.  
bryan

On Tue, Jul 11, 2017 at 8:11 AM, Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov> wrote:

I'll see what I can do; I'll be working on that this morning and following up on the Yturria plan if time permits.

On Mon, Jul 10, 2017 at 4:52 PM, Winton, Bryan <bryan\_winton@fws.gov> wrote:

Attached is a summary of maps that are slated to be impacted in one way, shape or form, with regard to recent proposals by CBP for additional border wall in Hidalgo County, and for revisiting all wall segments previously constructed and establishing a 150' "enforcement zone" on the inside of those border segments as well. Therefore the attachment shows tracts previously receiving infrastructure and the new tracts to be impacted if CBP proceeds with construction of Border Wall in all remaining areas of Hidalgo county.

Since their first priority is Marinoff and Santa Ana (2.9 mile segment), I need a buffer showing 150' inside the mid-slope of the levee, to show how many acres of vegetation will be lost if they proceed with the buffer. Creating additional maps of 100' and 50' buffer will show acreage/vegetation impacts associated with a negotiated/reduced impact, if we are able to do that.

Can we create separate files for the 3 buffers for each of the tracts affected. I can sit down with you and describe what needs done on each of the attached maps.

First priority is for the 3 maps for Santa Ana NWR so we can begin the negotiation and know what the acreage impact is for the 3 buffer distances.

I tried doing this in Google Earth today but am not well versed in doing this. Scot Edler mentioned he did something like this when Kelly was here to create "buffers" in Arc GIS for light and noise in Cameron County. I asked him to relocate the maps he created then but he didn't get back to me before end of day. Between he, me, and you, I want to get this done as soon as possible.

bryan

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