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

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**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 11:24 PM  
**Subject:** Can I ask you a few questions?  
**To:** [robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)

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Best wishes,  
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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 13:49:39 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Can I ask you a few questions?

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Good afternoon Laurie,

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Thank you,

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Re: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers border wall media contact

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**From:** "Devolder, Andy" <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 12:22:31 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Kauffman, Vanessa" <vanessa\_kauffman@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 12:30:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Devolder, Andy" <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
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**Subject:** RE: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers border  
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Thank you, Andy. So many people on that call it's hard to sort them all out. I'll contact Aislinn. Jim Jim Frisinger U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Fort Worth District Phones: 817-886-1481; cell: 817-901-9644 -----Original Message----- From: Devolder, Andy [mailto:andy\_devolder@fws.gov] Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:21 PM To: Frisinger, James C CIV USARMY CESWF (US) <James.C.Frisinger@usace.army.mil> Cc: Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>; Vanessa Kauffman <vanessa\_kauffman@fws.gov>; Keenan Adams <keenan\_adams@fws.gov> Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Fwd: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers border wall media contact Hi James, My name is Andy DeVolder, I am the acting Assistant Regional Director for External Affairs in the U.S. FWS' southwest Region. I'd like to introduce Aislinn Maestas to you, she is our Regional point of contact for public affairs activities / media inquiries regarding border activities in our Region. Aislinn also represents the our Region on the weekly coordination calls that you reference in your email below. I've also included Keenan Adams on this email. Keenan will be acting Assistant Regional Director for External Affairs beginning July 31. Feel free to reach out to Aislinn. Thanks, Andy ----- Forwarded message ----- From: Frisinger, James C CIV USARMY CESWF (US) <mailto:James.C.Frisinger@usace.army.mil> James.C.Frisinger@usace.army.mil> Date: Fri, Jul 21, 2017 at 12:57 PM Subject: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers border wall media contact To: "Vanessa\_Kauffman@fws.gov <mailto:Vanessa\_Kauffman@fws.gov>" Hello Vanessa: Good talking to you this morning/afternoon. I am assigned as the public affairs specialist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Border Infrastructure Program Management Office (PMO) here in Fort Worth. I work hand in glove with U.S. Customs & Border Protection's counterpart to our PMO, the Border Patrol, Air and Marine PMO, on all of the fence/wall/roads infrastructure planned by the new administration. Thank you in advance for sending me your brief news release on the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. And please arrange for the local Santa Ana contacts to drop me a line so we can communicate during this difficult time. I participate in a weekly 1 p.m. Central Time CBP stakeholders telecom every Tuesday, which I believe a few USF&W folk call in for. FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, I've attached a WORD file you may find useful. It is a statement CBP Office of Public Affairs sent to Reuters reporter Emily Flitter late yesterday and shared with me. Flitter is doing an environmental/NEPA article on the wall, which hasn't appeared just yet. The geotech soil sample driller at Santa Ana was a subcontractor for Michael Baker & Associates, an architecture-engineer under contract with the U.S. Army Corps of

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**Subject:** Santa Ana

Andy/Aislinn, Looks like mid August for the "protest" at Santa Ana. I have some CFR regs regarding gatherings/protests on Refuge lands. Do you need me to come in today? Doesn't look like anything eminent but I'm available if you need me. Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Fri Jul 21 2017 08:32:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
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Re: Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 15:04:01 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Diana G Partida <diana@elperiodicousa.com>  
Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
**CC:**  
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## Guidance for staff on TX border response

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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 13:34:02 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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**Subject:** Guidance for staff on TX border response

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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 13:38:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**CC:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Keenan Adams <keenan\_adams@fws.gov>  
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**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 13:57:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** Andy DeVolder <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Guidance for staff on TX border response

I think you got it!! And yes, we can add in if they are not comfortable, we are here to help. Good thought on that.

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**To:** "Devolder, Andy" <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>, Keenan Adams <[keenan\\_adams@fws.gov](mailto:keenan_adams@fws.gov)>  
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From: **Chapa, Gisela** <[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)>  
Date: Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 3:25 PM  
Subject: Press of Santa Ana  
To: Robert Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>

Below is all the press I've seen of Santa Ana in the last couple of days, FYI.

<https://www.texasobserver.org/over-the-wall/>

<https://thinkprogress.org/trump-border-wall-wildlife-refuge-1e9427af7c7f>

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-texas-border-wall-20170717-story.html>

[http://www.themonitor.com/news/article\\_1894e8f4-6a8b-11e7-aa63-e3cab0511f0f.html](http://www.themonitor.com/news/article_1894e8f4-6a8b-11e7-aa63-e3cab0511f0f.html)

<http://www.wfaa.com/news/jewel-of-wildlife-refuge-system-in-path-of-possible-levee-border-wall/457588761>

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south texas refuge complex  
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# Conversation Contents

Border Wall Inquiry- South Texas Refuge Complex, Alamo, TX

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 07:56:33 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
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**Subject:** Border Wall Inquiry- South Texas Refuge Complex, Alamo, TX

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**"Swift, Heather" <heather\_swift@ios.doi.gov>**

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**From:** "Swift, Heather" <heather\_swift@ios.doi.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 07:58:44 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
Interior Press <Interior\_Press@ios.doi.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Border Wall Inquiry- South Texas Refuge Complex, Alamo, TX

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On Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 9:56 AM, Jess, Robert <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)> wrote:

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# Conversation Contents

How you doin?

**Jonathan Andrew** <[jonathan\\_andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov)>

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**From:** Jonathan Andrew <[jonathan\\_andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Sent:** Tue Aug 01 2017 13:48:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** [robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)  
**Subject:** How you doin?

Heard something about demonstrations in August - I know you are coordinating with sector but if you need any support we can always push from my end. Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wed Aug 02 2017 09:13:27 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Jonathan Andrew <[jonathan\\_andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: How you doin?

Jon,

Thanks much for the support- we are doing okay- an IC plan was developed in case we have those for and against the issues affecting us. Everything's coming at once which is typical- I'll try to call you to get up to speed after the protest!

rob

On Tue, Aug 1, 2017 at 2:48 PM, Jonathan Andrew <[jonathan\\_andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov)> wrote:

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Statement for partners/public

## "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:44:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Andy Devolder <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Statement for partners/public

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[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)

## "Devolder, Andy" <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>

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**From:** "Devolder, Andy" <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 11:42:10 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**CC:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Statement for partners/public

Lets talk about this in the context of having a separate statement for non media inquiries.

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**Andy DeVolder**  
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*U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service - Southwest Region*  
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**"Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 07:26:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Andy DeVolder <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Statement for partners/public

Aislinn and I worked on some language today. Here are some options to consider:

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**To select Partners from Refuge Manager:**

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**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:28:21 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>, kelly mcdowell <[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>  
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To: "[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)" <[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)>  
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**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:41:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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Did you guys get any clarification on your call yesterday about how to respond?

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 11:19:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, "Ullenberg, Beth"

**CC:** <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Andy Devolder  
<andy\_devolder@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Santa Ana

**Attachments:** image001.png

Thanks Aislinn for the response...

We hope that before any language is rolled out that we at the refuge can also review and approve. When the dust settles on the issue, we will be the ones left for cleanup so the more eyes reviewing the better...  
rob

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 11:42 AM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:

Thank you Rob,

We are working on statements to share with partners and also the media. The moment we have approved language we will share with you.

Hang tight,  
- Aislinn

On Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 10:28 AM, Jess, Robert <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)> wrote:

Aislinn,  
another border wall inquiry-

Monica,  
This is a partner and I'd like some clarification specific to partners and answering their questions...  
rob

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From: **Chapa, Gisela** <[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)>  
Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 11:09 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana  
To: Robert Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>

FYI - see below.

Gisela Chapa  
Acting National Urban and Vision Coordinator through 7/28/17  
National Wildlife Refuge System  
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From: **Ramiro Gonzalez** <[ramiro.gonzalez@cob.us](mailto:ramiro.gonzalez@cob.us)>  
Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 9:46 AM  
Subject: Santa Ana  
To: "[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)" <[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)>  
Cc: "Suzanne Dixon ([sdixon@npca.org](mailto:sdixon@npca.org))" <[sdixon@npca.org](mailto:sdixon@npca.org)>

Gisela,

Been reading all the articles in the paper about the Border Wall at Santa Ana. Is there anyway that we can help? We are working very closely with Suzanne Dixon with the National Parks Conversation Association on some other projects and she has already reached out to Cong. Vela to see how they can help in any way.

Thanks,

**Ramiro Gonzalez, AICP, CNU-A**

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**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 09:56:41 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Andy Devolder <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>, "Ullenberg, Beth" <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>, Joy Nicholopoulos <[joy\\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov)>  
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Please see below a proposed statement from CBP:

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Working off the draft sent by CPB, here is a revised statement for review:

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Thank you (b) (6),  
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approved. Will also share these contacts as appropriate.

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**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 10:48:06 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Notes from last week

Thanks, can you share this with Gavin and cc me as well.

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**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 10:56:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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**From:** "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 12:09:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
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**Date:** Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:49 AM  
**Subject:** VICE Media Interview request  
**To:** [ernesto\\_reyes@fws.gov](mailto:ernesto_reyes@fws.gov)

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Mr. Segee,

There was no Compatibility Determination required for the soil sampling as all activities associated with sampling were performed on the International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) levee and footprint that divides the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. I have CC:ed the contact for our Outreach Coordinator as well.

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**From:** Brian Segee <[BSegee@biologicaldiversity.org](mailto:BSegee@biologicaldiversity.org)>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 28 2017 19:22:14 GMT-0600 (MDT)

**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Santa Ana NWR Army Corps border wall soil sampling--compatibility determination

Thank you for your response Robert. Best, ~Brian Segee

**From:** Jess, Robert [mailto:robert\_jess@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 5:17 AM  
**To:** Brian Segee  
**Cc:** Aislinn Maestas  
**Subject:** Fwd: Santa Ana NWR Army Corps border wall soil sampling--compatibility determination

Mr. Segee,

There was no Compatibility Determination required for the soil sampling as all activities associated with sampling were performed on the International Boundary Water Commission (IBWC) levee and footprint that divides the Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge. I have CC:ed the contact for our Outreach Coordinator as well.

Take care,  
Robert

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**From:** Donald, Christine <christine\_donald@fws.gov>  
**Date:** Sun, Jul 23, 2017 at 9:25 AM  
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**From:** Brian Segee <bsegee@biologicaldiversity.org>  
**Date:** Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 3:24 PM  
**Subject:** Santa Ana NWR Army Corps border wall soil sampling--compatibility determination  
**To:** [Christine\\_Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)

Ms. Donald---Can you please provide me with the compatibility determination for the Army Corps sampling being conducted on the Refuge ? We have also submitted a FOIA request but hoping FWS can provide this document directly in light of FWS Policy (603 FW 2.11.I) requiring public review and comment on all compatibility determinations. Thank you ~Brian Segee/Center for Biological Diversity

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**CC:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, Aaron Archibeque <aaron\_archibeque@fws.gov>  
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FYI, CBP wants a meeting with the FWS to discuss this issue.

aaron

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From: **Monica Kimbrough** <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 2:27 PM  
Subject: Fwd: Contact w/ BP Sector Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)  
To: [aaron\\_archibeque@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_archibeque@fws.gov)

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Please excuse errors, sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

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

**Date:** July 17, 2017 at 2:26:24 PM MDT  
**To:** Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Bryan Winton <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>, kelly mcdowell <[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Contact w/ BP Sector Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)

Sector Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) contacted me this afternoon to discuss the recent article in the Texas Observer as it undermined his plan to let the Mayors of all the affected towns know in a Mayoral meeting tomorrow. I shared his concern as we were caught off guard with protesters handing pamphlets out to the public at a refuge event. I also reaffirmed our commitment to the sensitivity of the issue by stating that it was not my staff that leaked it out to the press.

He would like to meet me to discuss how we can minimally impact SANWR. The Chief also stated that his plan was to begin in Starr County and not here at the refuge but that the Administration pointed here (refuge lands) as the easy place to begin and continue the border wall. He also stated that he is willing to compromise where he can on the issue, especially at SANWR but is not sure he has any authority to do so at this point since the Administration countered his original proposal with their own. Chief (b) (6), (b) (7) has a meeting with the Administration this week and will get back to me what he can and cant commit to

We have agreed to meet at the refuge to discuss proposals and all options to avoid or minimize impacts to Santa Ana Refuge

rob

<https://www.texasobserver.org/trump-border-wall-texas-wildlife-refuge-breaking/>

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# Conversation Contents

Fwd: Violations at Refuge

**"Ullenberg, Beth"** <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>

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**From:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:19:12 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Violations at Refuge

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On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 9:08 AM, Jess, Robert <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)> wrote:

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From: **Donald, Christine** <[christine\\_donald@fws.gov](mailto:christine_donald@fws.gov)>  
Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 10:07 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Violations at Refuge  
To: Robert Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>

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From: **Martha McCabe** <[martha@cslsr.org](mailto:martha@cslsr.org)>  
Date: Sat, Jul 15, 2017 at 12:24 PM  
Subject: Violations at Refuge  
To: [Christine\\_Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)

Dear Ms. Donald,

I just found out the CBP is planning to build a wall through 3 miles of the Refuge. This is a gross violation of the laws protecting this land for wildlife. What can we do to stop this?

Martha McCabe

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robert jess  
project leader  
south texas refuge complex  
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# Conversation Contents

## Cable Fence Design

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

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 27 2017 08:30:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
**CC:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Cable Fence Design

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I have been working with Ft. Brown Station CBP, Port of Brownsville, Space-X, and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on a cable fence for the greater Boca Chica area (east of Brownsville).

We have illegal traffic and trespass throughout this important ecological (conservation) area, and it impacts nesting birds annually, and degrades the environment in general. All parties have tentatively agreed to a cable fence design specific to this area. I think what Rob has requested could be satisfied with a similiar design.

The fence is comprised of 7" round by 6' long posts, spaced at 20' apart. Post are rounded-top and have a hole in them about 6-8" from the top, where a cable is threaded through. This type fence is easily walked over but prevents motorized vehicles from driving over it, or in this case, any dragging occurring beyond it.

I computed a materials and cost list for a 16.75 mile segment of cable fence at Boca Chica. The total cost of this project for that length was ~\$210K, which is about \$13,200 per mile. I think this would be appropriate for what Rob Jess requested.

If you want more details about the cable fence please contact me.

Thank you.

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@cbp.dhs.gov>

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 28 2017 04:16:50 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Cable Fence Design

Thanks Brian-this should suffice.

Best.

(b)  
(6)

**From:** Winton, Bryan [mailto:bryan\_winton@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 27, 2017 10:30 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
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**"Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:18:19 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall

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**From:** **Jess, Robert** <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 8:58 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall  
**To:** Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
**Cc:** Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>, kelly mcdowell <[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>, Bryan Winton <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>

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**From:** **Donald, Christine** <[christine\\_donald@fws.gov](mailto:christine_donald@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 9:33 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall  
**To:** Robert Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>

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**From:** **Vivian Menzel** <[vivian.menzel@gmail.com](mailto:vivian.menzel@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 7:53 AM  
**Subject:** Border Wall  
**To:** [Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)

I am alarmed by accounts in the Texas Observer that an early portion of the wall will be built through the Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge. I would like to know the most effective way to voice

opposition to this. I can write letters, make phone calls, and attend rallies. What advice do you have for me?

Thank you,

Vivian Menzel  
Burleson Tx

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Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge

**"Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:17:59 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge

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Date: Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 8:35 AM  
Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge  
To: Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
Cc: Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>, kelly mcdowell <[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>, Bryan Winton <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>

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

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Subject: Fwd: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge  
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From: **Emlyn Smith** <[emlyn.smith@att.net](mailto:emlyn.smith@att.net)>  
Date: Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 9:33 PM  
Subject: Santa Ana Wildlife Refuge  
To: "[Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)" <[Christine\\_Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)>, "[RDTuggle@fws.gov](mailto:RDTuggle@fws.gov)"

[<RDTuggle@fws.gov>](mailto:RDTuggle@fws.gov)

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

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

Emlyn B. Smith  
5325 LA Hwy 8  
Alexandria, LA 71407

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## Fill Material

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

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 27 2017 14:54:07 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
**CC:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fill Material

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

We are very appreciative of your support (advocation) for moving the levee inward toward the levee and away from the habitat, so there will be an opportunity to reduce the actual habitat loss hopefully once the details of the project and particularly the width of the Enforcement Zone is finalized and determined.

I wanted to provide additional comment on one item. As you move the border wall in toward the levee, nearer to the middle of what is now the existing road, you gain a maximum amount of fill material that can be used for enlargement of the ramps, and/or building up the base of the wall so there is a level enforcement zone. On Santa Ana NWR, between the entrance and exit roads (black-top paved roads), where we have advocated that the enforcement zone be reduced to 50', there is a considerable stretch that intermittently serves as wetland (during flooding). This area has a ditch on the inside as well and I'm bringing this to your attention because this area is significantly lower than most of the property south of the levee. Therefore, I think that it will be necessary to import fill material to level/flatten the Enforcement Zone regardless of how wide it is and where the levee wall is built within the existing levee. I can send you some photos to try and better depict this particular area if you like. Just let me know.

I heard you mention that you want to avoid importing soil and I'm alerting you that it may not be possible to avoid, depending on the width of the enforcement zone, how far into the levee the wall is built, and how level you require the enforcement zone to be.

Sincerely,

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Fwd: Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR

**"Devolder, Andy" <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>**

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**From:** "Devolder, Andy" <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 08:35:51 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>, Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
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**From:** **Archibeque, Aaron** <[aaron\\_archibeque@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_archibeque@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 7:59 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR  
**To:** Joy Nicholopoulos <[Joy\\_Nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:Joy_Nicholopoulos@fws.gov)>, Andy Devolder <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>

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**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 7:52 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR  
**To:** Aaron Archibeque <[aaron\\_archibeque@fws.gov](mailto:aaron_archibeque@fws.gov)>

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**From:** **Jess, Robert** <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Date:** Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 7:48 AM  
**Subject:** Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR  
**To:** kelly mcdowell <[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>, Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>, Beth Ullenberg <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
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**"Nicholopoulos, Joy" <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>**

**From:** "Nicholopoulos, Joy" <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 08:36:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, "Devolder, Andy" <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
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Beth,  
Angela Vargas, Channel 5 News (KRGV) has asked for an interview in response to the Border Wall protest that occurred on Sunday, July 16, 2017 at the Santa Ana Refuge.

I feel its important that its stated that we have been asking CBP and BP to work through the NEPA process to address the Border Wall issues affecting refuge tracts- reason is it will eventually come out that we have been working with CBP and BP for the last several months with the implied appearance that no actions towards NEPA have occurred, which is untrue.

His contact information is (956) 650-0822.  
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A former volunteer forwarded this link Friday evening about Border Wall proposed at Santa Ana NWR.

Also, at yesterday's (Sunday, July 16) public event at Santa Ana NWR, we had border wall protesters and media present. Refuge Officer Rick Gonzalez was on scene to make sure it was a peaceful demonstration and that no interviews were made by staff to reporters.

The timing of this information "leak" appears to be closely linked to the information I provided to Congressman Vela's staff, although the article included other comments and information apparently received by other federal agencies or employees. For example, the headline of the news article, wasn't a statement or quote I gave.

Regardless, the CBP plans for border fence, now that it is becoming known to the public, will likely be a major topic over the next weeks or months.

The CBP Agent we met with last Friday that has the lead on media is (b) (6), (b) (7) (C), Supervisory Border Patrol Agent. His email is (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) @cbp.dhs.gov. His phone numbers are (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) office; (b) (6), (b) (7) (C) cell

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Hi Bryan and Christine,  
Saw this article today and my heart sank. Is it true?

<https://www.texasobserver.org/trump-border-wall-texas-wildlife-refuge-breaking/>

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Beth:

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**To:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** Aislinn Maestas <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>, Andy Devolder <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>, Jeff Humphrey <[jeff\\_humphrey@fws.gov](mailto:jeff_humphrey@fws.gov)>, Lesli Gray <[lesli\\_gray@fws.gov](mailto:lesli_gray@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Contacted by Congressman Vela's office

Hi all,

In addition to this being a border-related question, keep in mind this is a DC staffer. Coordination with HQ CLA and EA is highly recommended. Am I correct in assuming we have not been formally contacted to consult on this effort? Are we drafting a statement?

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On Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 2:45 PM, Ullenberg, Beth <[beth\\_ullenberg@fws.gov](mailto:beth_ullenberg@fws.gov)> wrote:  
| Aislinn,

We should get together on Monday about this.

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Date: Fri, Jul 14, 2017 at 2:32 PM  
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**From:** "Ullenberg, Beth" <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:07:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Contacted by Congressman Vela's office

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Article on Texas refuge and border wall

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**From:** Lesli Gray <lesli\_gray@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Sun Jul 16 2017 20:07:52 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>, Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Chris Tincher <Chris\_Tincher@fws.gov>, Andy Devolder@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Article on Texas refuge and border wall

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 11:35:22 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Lesli Gray <lesli\_gray@fws.gov>  
Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Chris Tincher <Chris\_Tincher@fws.gov>, Andy Devolder <Andy\_Devolder@fws.gov>  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Re: Article on Texas refuge and border wall

FYI, another article which mentions the protest on Sunday: [http://www.themonitor.com/news/article\\_1894e8f4-6a8b-11e7-aa63-e3cab0511f0f.html](http://www.themonitor.com/news/article_1894e8f4-6a8b-11e7-aa63-e3cab0511f0f.html)

On Sun, Jul 16, 2017 at 8:07 PM, Lesli Gray <lesli\_gray@fws.gov> wrote:  
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## Draft statement for border: External Stakeholder Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

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

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**From:** "Tincher, Chris" <chris\_tincher@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 20 2017 15:31:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Draft statement for border: External Stakeholder Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

You may have the previously cleared statement from HQ. Sending it again with one minor update. I deleted one sentence regarding the FWS pulling together a report - we still haven't done that, but we have pulled together a general list of T&E species near the border.

Note: HQ has requested to be involved in any statement related to the border before it is issued.

Below is the general response approved by HQ (with the minor change mentioned above) previously sent to reporters using incorrect information. For the most part these reporters using the data were interested in highlighting the jaguar.

Chris

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service statement on "Border wall"

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

#### For background information only:

Please be aware that an erroneous report on evaluating border impacts attributed to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has surfaced. This reported upon "evaluation" was merely a journalist's tally of species present along the U.S.-Mexico border that was downloaded utilizing the Service's online [IPaC](#) database tool.

For more information on research and published studies on barrier impacts to wildlife and for research on jaguars, please contact Catherine Puckett at U.S. Geological Survey. They have staff in Arizona (including Dr. Melanie Culver) who can assist you.

Catherine Puckett

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On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 2:15 PM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Thanks Chris. Joy mentioned trying to arrange a meeting with DOI folks to discuss border wall coordination. That may be a good time to update our statement.

- A

On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 12:51 PM, Tincher, Chris <[chris\\_tincher@fws.gov](mailto:chris_tincher@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Hi. I don't know that it happened. Let me check. Also talking with Jeff and thinking we may need to tweak our general border statement. Will send that to you shortly.  
Chris

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On Tue, Jun 20, 2017 at 11:23 AM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Hi there. Do you know if we (FWS) sent a response to Rep. Carter yet? I brought the topic up again on our wall coordination call with CPB (and others). They would like to coordinate a bit on the response.

It sounds like they briefed Rep Carter's approps staff on the wall, not his office staff. From the email you received from Alyssa, it sounds like his request on wildlife/species came from his Congressional office, correct?

Either way, CPB is interested in coordinating to ensure we are all communicating the same information.

Thanks!  
- A

On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 2:03 PM, Tincher, Chris <[chris\\_tincher@fws.gov](mailto:chris_tincher@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Hi Aislinn,  
This is most helpful. I spoke with Alyssa in CLA this morning about the inquiry from Rep Carter to ensure that she coordinates with HQ PA. We need our messaging to be consistent. Right now we have a border statement response indicating the Service has not identified species that could be impacted by border projects. We do not want to mislead anyone with the false impression that we now have such a list.

The exercise conducted to address the Congressman's inquiry has produced a general list of known candidate, threatened or endangered species within one mile of the border. It is not considered an all-inclusive, or a fully vetted list.

In answer to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) question, no, there was no specific connection to how future or proposed projects could potentially impact wildlife species in the inquiry. Additionally, there was no mention of the prototype. In fact, there was very little context provided to determine how the information will be used or the purpose.

Once the inquiry was received, we started looking for hints on what might have stemmed the interest. CLA confirmed from the Congressman's staffer that they had read the On-line article in Outside (I shared it with you) and that may have been what prompted the initial call. Later we found the statements issued by the Congressman, the first issued in late May supporting securing our nation and then another (June 14 - Wall Woes) expressing doubt on the \$1.6 billion down payment for a wall. So... we gave it our best guess, but that is all it is at this point. We anticipate there will be follow up requests. I'll be sure to keep you posted if and when those are received.

Hope that helps.  
Chris

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On Thu, Jun 15, 2017 at 12:29 PM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:

See response below. Do you know if Rep Carter is asking about the wall in general?  
Or about prototype efforts on the refuge?

Thanks!  
- A

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

Date: Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 8:49 PM

Subject: RE: External Stakeholder Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

To: "Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>

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

Hi Aislinn –

On 6/9 CBP distributed a Congressional Notification to Appropriations staff for an A/E contract for wall design for the first three miles of levee wall in the Rio Grande Valley Sector. Just a note, CBP is not funded for wall construction, we are only authorized to move forward with design for three miles on IBWC and USFWS property. We are meeting with IBWC and USFWS at the end of the month to continue design coordination.

Was the Representative's inquiry specific to how CBP projects impact wildlife along the TX Border? We will also reach out to our Office of Congressional Affairs to confirm CBP briefs to the Hill on 6/9.

Thanks,

(b)  
(6)

**From:** Maestas, Aislinn [mailto:[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)]  
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**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: External Stakeholder Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

Good morning (b) (6),  
(b) (7)(C)

Do you know which Congressionals were briefed on 6/9? We have received a request from Rep. John Carter on wildlife impacts along the TX border. Was Rep. Carter one of the Congressmen briefed on 6/9? It would be helpful to have a little more info on the briefings that I can share with our Congressional liason so we are all on the same page.

Thank you,

- Aislinn

On Tue, Jun 13, 2017 at 11:49 AM, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon –

Please find an agenda and an example Public Affairs Guidance document from USACE.

We looking forward to discussing further soon.

Thanks,

(b)  
(6)

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

**Sent:** Monday, May 15, 2017 4:24 PM

**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); 'Swift, Heather'; 'Virginia Johnson'; 'Maureen Foster'; 'Harry Humbert'; 'Laura Rigas'; 'Pamela Barkin'; 'Micah Chambers'; 'Casey Hammond'; 'Joy Nicholopoulos'; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C); (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @usace.army.mil'; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @usace.army.mil; lori.kuczanski@ibwc.gov; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @usace.army.mil; 'Maestas, Aislinn'; (b) (6), (b) (7) 'Andrew, Jonathan'; 'Wyn.Hornbuckle@usdoj.gov'; (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**Where:** (b)(5)CIP PIN: (b)(5)CIP

**Importance:** High

An agenda, updated POC list and sample public affairs guidance are forthcoming. Please let us know if there are other external, public, and/or Congressional affairs POCs that should be included.

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## Border wall help

### "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>

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**Sent:** Wed Jun 14 2017 11:10:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Border wall help

Good morning Joy,

Would it be possible for you to help introduce me to the relevant key players at both FWS and DOI on the border wall issue? I have been attending the weekly coordination calls, but I still feel a bit out of the loop on what is happening and also with whom I should be working at the Service and Interior. I have introduced myself on the coordination calls, but because I missed the initial round of introductions, I am still not clear on who is doing what. I have reached out to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) at DHS, but her responses haven't been the most helpful.

It has not been made clear to me (and therefore the rest of my team) what the proper channels are for responding to incoming requests for information. This is my top reason for wanting a more formal introduction--so I can ensure we are staying within the parameters and coordinating as much as possible. I was hoping the coordination calls would involve more coordination (!) but (for now) they appear to be mostly updates from the top.

I'm working from home today, but back in the office tomorrow if you want to discuss.

Thanks!!  
- Aislinn

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**From:** Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 14 2017 11:25:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Andy Devolder <andy\_devolder@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Border wall help

Hi Aislinn-

I appreciate your note.

Let's get this fixed.

First, there's a meet and greet with new DOI border coordinator coming up soon. It's been scheduled and rescheduled, so I will ask Stacey to get you on the invitation list for the new date.

Second, I will send a note to (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7), (b) (7) (new DOI guy), and Lance (Sol) to let them know they need to loop you in as my back-up/surrogate.

That's a start, but we'll keep working on it to constantly improve the process.

Thank you again for kicking off this fix,

Joy

On Jun 14, 2017, at 11:10 AM, Maestas, Aislinn <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)> wrote:

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Thanks!!

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**"Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>**

**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wed Jun 14 2017 12:09:09 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Joy Nicholopoulos <[joy\\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** Andy Devolder <[andy\\_devolder@fws.gov](mailto:andy_devolder@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Border wall help

Thank you Joy! I appreciate the help. As you say, its going to be a process. I'm looking forward to getting more involved and helping in any way possible.

Best,  
- A

On Wed, Jun 14, 2017 at 11:25 AM, Joy Nicholopoulos <[joy\\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov)> wrote:

Hi Aislinn-

I appreciate your note.

Let's get this fixed.

First, there's a meet and greet with new DOI border coordinator coming up soon. It's been scheduled and rescheduled, so I will ask Stacey to get you on the invitation list for the new date.

Second, I will send a note to (b) (6), (b) (6), (b) (7), (b) (7) (new DOI guy), and Lance (Sol) to let them know they need to loop you in as my back-up/surrogate.

That's a start, but we'll keep working on it to constantly improve the process.

Thank you again for kicking off this fix,

Joy

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# Label: "Border Wall"

**Created by:** [aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)

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# Conversation Contents

## Materials to date on Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

**"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jun 08 2017 09:07:26 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov  
**Subject:** Materials to date on Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

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

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**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) cbp.dhs.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jun 13 2017 09:10:08 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Materials to date on Public & Congressional Affairs Coordination

Good morning Aislinn!

I will send an agenda and sample Public Affairs Guidance to the group shortly. We have not provided additional materials since the last call.

**From:** Maestas, Aislinn [mailto:aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 08, 2017 11:07 AM  
**To:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) @cbp.dhs.gov>

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# Conversation Contents

Fwd: Possible Site Meeting at Santa Ana Refuge

**Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>**

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**From:** Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri May 05 2017 06:52:56 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Fwd: Possible Site Meeting at Santa Ana Refuge

Hi Aislinn-

Please see info below.

FYI.

Would you be interested in attending the site visit discussed below?

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Let me know your thoughts,

Joy

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**From:** Jonathan Andrew <[jonathan\\_andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:jonathan_andrew@ios.doi.gov)>  
**Date:** May 5, 2017 at 5:37:23 AM MDT  
**To:** Joy Nicholopoulos <[joy\\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov](mailto:joy_nicholopoulos@fws.gov)>, Lance Wenger <[lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov](mailto:lance.wenger@sol.doi.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Possible Site Meeting at Santa Ana Refuge

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@cbp.dhs.gov>  
**Date:** May 4, 2017 at 7:22:02 PM EDT  
**To:** "robert\_jess@fws.gov" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>, Jonathan Andrew <[Jonathan\\_Andrew@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Jonathan_Andrew@ios.doi.gov)>, "ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov" <[ernesto\\_reyes@fws.gov](mailto:ernesto_reyes@fws.gov)>  
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Cell: (b) (6), (b)

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri May 05 2017 08:54:16 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Site Meeting at Santa Ana Refuge

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**To:** "robert\_jess@fws.gov" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Jonathan Andrew <Jonathan\_Andrew@ios.doi.gov>, "ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
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**From:** Joy Nicholopoulos <joy\_nicholopoulos@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri May 05 2017 09:06:17 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Possible Site Meeting at Santa Ana Refuge

Let's wait to see if it shapes up and gets scheduled.  
It might be better for us to wait and do the tour together.  
I can't make it on 5/25--I'll be in Atlanta for the National Deputies meeting that week.  
Stay tuned,  
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Re: border wall inquiry

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**"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:04:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** NMerchant@ap.org  
**BCC:** robert\_jess@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Re: border wall inquiry

Good morning Nomaan,

I was forwarded your request for an interview by my colleague Ernesto Reyes. At this time, the Service does not have anyone available for interview. If you would like to submit your request to the Department of the Interior, you can do so at [Interior\\_Press@ios.doi.gov](mailto:Interior_Press@ios.doi.gov).

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:12:36 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** sarah.sax@vice.com  
**BCC:** robert\_jess@fws.gov  
**Subject:** Re: border wall inquiry

Good morning Sarah,

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

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**From:** "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wed Jul 19 2017 10:15:49 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Ardizzone, Chuck" <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>, Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: border wall inquiry

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**Date:** Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 11:12 AM  
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**"Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Maestas, Aislinn" <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 16:27:55 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** ljoseph@dallasnews.com  
**BCC:** robert\_jess@fws.gov  
**Subject:** re: border wall inquiry

Good afternoon Joseph,

We just spoke on the phone regarding best contacts for border wall information in TX. Below is our statement which includes a contact email for U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

*"The Department of the Interior (DOI) is one of several federal agencies that U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has engaged with to implement the President's Executive Order (EO) 13767 - Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements. CBP has included DOI in initial discussions regarding the implementation of the EO in south Texas. For inquiries, please contact U.S. Customs and Border Protection's Office of Public Affairs at [cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:cbpmediarelations@cbp.dhs.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 08:43:13 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: border wall inquiry

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From: **Maestas, Aislinn** <[aislinn\\_maestas@fws.gov](mailto:aislinn_maestas@fws.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Jul 20, 2017 at 5:27 PM  
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Border wall update

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thu Jul 20 2017 08:07:42 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
**CC:** Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, Dawn Gardner <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Border wall update

Bryan Winton (manager of LRGV and SANWR) and Ernesto Reyes (ES) will be in the field over the next couple of days to map out each tract of LRGV to assess the potential impacts of the proposed border wall. Specifically, they will evaluate vegetation types and how much habitat (in acres) could be affected by the proposed 150' buffer. We do know that some refuge tracts will no longer exist (though we will still have title to the property).

A preliminary estimate shows that 44-50 acres of the Santa Ana Refuge will be affected by a buffer zone within the 2.9 mile swath along the levee. Given the fact that the refuge is only 2,088 acres, this is still a significant reduction of the single largest tract of habitat left in south Texas.

end of report

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Fwd: VICE News Tonight - interview Request

**"Donald, Christine" <christine\_donald@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Donald, Christine" <christine\_donald@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 14:42:54 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Fwd: VICE News Tonight - interview Request

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**From:** Sarah Sax <[sarah.sax@vice.com](mailto:sarah.sax@vice.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 2:24 PM  
**Subject:** VICE News Tonight - interview Request  
**To:** [Christine Donald@fws.gov](mailto:Christine_Donald@fws.gov)

Hi,

I am a researcher with VICE News Tonight, a nightly news show that airs on HBO. We are following a story about the potential construction of a border wall through Santa Ana Wildlife refuge.

I would like to ask if we could talk to someone who might be able to tell us about the impacts of a wall of wildlife and the potential of a wall being built.

Please let us know if a representative, director or park service member may be available to speak to us over the phone. The deadline for this story end of day tomorrow, Wednesday 19th.

Thanks

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**Sarah Sax**  
Researcher  
VICE News Tonight  
[sarah.sax@vice.com](mailto:sarah.sax@vice.com) | 9179475803

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Fwd: VICE Media Interview request

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

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**From:** "Reyes, Ernesto" <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue Jul 18 2017 12:09:25 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>, Robert Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, "Ardizzone, Chuck" <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>, Dawn Whitehead <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, Aislinn Maestas <aislinn\_maestas@fws.gov>  
**To:**  
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**From:** Sarah Sax <[sarah.sax@vice.com](mailto:sarah.sax@vice.com)>  
**Date:** Tue, Jul 18, 2017 at 11:49 AM  
**Subject:** VICE Media Interview request  
**To:** [ernesto\\_reyes@fws.gov](mailto:ernesto_reyes@fws.gov)

Hi Mr. Reyes,

I am a researcher at VICE News Tonight, a nightly news show on HBO. I read that it has been confirmed that construction of the border wall will begin in early 2018 in the Santa Ana Wildlife refuge.

I was wondering if you had some time today to talk about this with me, and the repercussions that such a wall would have for wildlife.

I'd be very grateful for any information on this, please let me know if you are available for a chat later today or tomorrow at any point

Warm regards,

Sarah Sax

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Contact w/ BP Sector Chief (b) (6),  
(b) (7)

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 14:26:24 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>  
Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez  
**CC:** <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, kelly mcdowell  
<kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Contact w/ BP Sector Chief (b) (6),  
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**"Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>**

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 14:35:37 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: Contact w/ BP Sector Chief (b) (6), (b) (7)

Wow. At least we will get to meet him alas?

bryan

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**Monica Kimbrough** <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>

**From:** Monica Kimbrough <[monica\\_kimbrough@fws.gov](mailto:monica_kimbrough@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 15:07:03 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
Bryan Winton <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez  
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<[kelly\\_mcdowell@fws.gov](mailto:kelly_mcdowell@fws.gov)>  
**CC:**

**Subject:**

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Thanks, Rob. Please let me know when meeting is scheduled and also if any additional conversations occur.

Just a reminder, all questions/media/congressional inquires should be sent to External Affairs, Aislinn Maestas 505-248-6599. She is aware of the recent interest and is working with DOI.

Thanks for keeping me updated, I have shared this information with leadership.

Monica

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

Please excuse errors, sent from my iPhone

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# Conversation Contents

## Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR

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

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <robert\_jess@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Mon Jul 17 2017 07:48:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** kelly mcdowell <kelly\_mcdowell@fws.gov>, Monica Kimbrough <monica\_kimbrough@fws.gov>, Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Bryan Winton <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes <ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd\_blihovde@fws.gov>, Gisela Chapa <gisela\_chapa@fws.gov>  
**CC:**  
**Subject:** Border Wall Protest during refuge event- SANWR

The Santa Ana Refuge hosted a "Family Fun Day" event on Sunday, July 16, 2017 from 0900-1400. There was an expected to a crowd of 300-400 for which staff was prepared for. It is now apparent that a group of individuals also prepared to protest during the event and pass out postcards with congressional contacts to oppose the fence build. It was estimated that a total of 1000 people came to the refuge throughout the day with several hundred being present for the protest itself but all who attended being witness to the event(s). Telemundo and Channel 5 (KRGV) news attended. Additionally, both news agencies were seen on the IBWC levee near the refuge as geo-boring operations was completing the last of their surveys.

Any questions, please contact me,  
thanks

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Contacted by Congressman Vela's office

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

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Fri Jul 14 2017 14:32:40 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Beth Ullenberg <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez  
**CC:** <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Ernesto Reyes  
<ernesto\_reyes@fws.gov>, Scot Edler <scot\_edler@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Contacted by Congressman Vela's office

Beth:

Karen Dela Santos, Deputy Chief of Staff and Ms. Perry Brody, Chief of Staff for Congressman Vela's office called at 2pm today (July 14, 2017) to inquire about status of our knowledge and coordination with CBP about additional Border Wall/Border Fence. They were already aware of the project but wanted to know what we knew. I told them what coordination we have had and what we were told to anticipate.

Their number in DC is (202) 225-9901 if you would like to follow up or verify anything.

They mentioned they thought the news about specifics of more Border Wall would be going public very soon.

Along those lines, Ernesto Reyes, Scot Edler and I met with 4 agents with CBP today who are station-level agents coordinating Border Wall project. They informed us that they would be going public in August, possibly before. One of the agents is handling media, and we informed them that we would work through your office. I will be providing CBP your contact information so their lead media person can notify you, hopefully in advance, of the notice going public. When CBP does go public, they may want to say that they have been coordinating with us for weeks already, assuring the opposition that they have been addressing environmental issues/impacts (by coordinating with us). Hopefully if and when they do this, it doesn't paint a picture that FWS has known all along, or is a part of the project. Anyway, this is why I suggested we put their media person in contact with you so before the word gets out hopefully you and they can coordinate.

Sincerely,

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# Conversation Contents

## Media Blitz for STRC

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

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**From:** "Winton, Bryan" <bryan\_winton@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Tue May 16 2017 14:59:35 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Rob Jess <robert\_jess@fws.gov>, Sonny Perez <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>, Boyd Blihovde <boyd\_blihovde@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Media Blitz for STRC

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**From:** "Jess, Robert" <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wed May 17 2017 07:32:30 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** Gisela Chapa <[gisela\\_chapa@fws.gov](mailto:gisela_chapa@fws.gov)>, Kimberly Wahl <[kimberly\\_wahl@fws.gov](mailto:kimberly_wahl@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Media Blitz for STRC

I'd like for you to do this as well please...

Gisela,

how do i put this on google share point so that we all can view and use it together?

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**From:** Boyd Blihovde <[boyd\\_blihovde@fws.gov](mailto:boyd_blihovde@fws.gov)>  
**Sent:** Wed May 17 2017 20:29:04 GMT-0600 (MDT)  
**To:** "Winton, Bryan" <[bryan\\_winton@fws.gov](mailto:bryan_winton@fws.gov)>  
**CC:** Rob Jess <[robert\\_jess@fws.gov](mailto:robert_jess@fws.gov)>, Sonny Perez <[sonny\\_perez@fws.gov](mailto:sonny_perez@fws.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Media Blitz for STRC

Thanks for sharing Bryan- I'll need a little more time to write up all the cattle, Nilgai, and hogs we've shot because of the cattle fever 🤢•tick issue!!!! Seems like that ate up 80% of last year!

Sent from my iPhone

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