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Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge Seeks Public Input on a Proposed Draft Compatibility Determination for the establishment of public access use of the Goodfields Tract in Edinburg, Texas

The Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) has prepared a Draft Compatibility Determination (CD) for the establishment of public access use of the Goodfields Tract in Edinburg, Texas. The new use would be general outdoor recreation for wildlife observation, photography, environmental education and interpretation, entirely within the existing boundaries of the Goodfields Tract, located approximately 4.7 miles from the center of the City of Edinburg in Hidalgo County Texas. The Refuge seeks public input and comments on its Draft CD, available now for public review.

The CD can be downloaded at: http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Lower_Rio_Grande_Valley/
The public is encouraged to provide input by emailing to: Imer de la Garza, Project Leader for the South Texas Refuge Complex, e-mail imer_delagarza@fws.gov. *Please put "Public Input – Goodfields Tract Public Use CD" in the subject line of the e-mail. Comments will be accepted beginning **November 9** until **November 24, 2026**.

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