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**To:** [Combs, Brett A](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading for reporters?  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:46:06 PM

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**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 3:57 PM  
**To:** Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>; Ardizzone, Chuck CA <chuck\_ardizzone@fws.gov>  
**Cc:** Perez, Sonny <sonny\_perez@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading for reporters?

We checked with the person at UTRGV regarding sharing and he was also reluctant to put that out as well. There were a lot of variables he could not account for.

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I don't think we measured it directly, got it from UTRGV so maybe we refer the reporter to UTRGV?

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I don't have a feel for this either. Who measured it, what equipment, was it calibrated? I think I would be hesitant if we collected the information since we are not subject matter experts.

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Kate is acting for Aubry Buzek (ES external affairs) and wants to know if its ok to release decibel readings FWS has to a reporter. I don't have a good sense of how sensitive it is, I believe we have a reading from 3 miles away. What do yall think?

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**From:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:09 PM  
**To:** Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>; Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

Just circling back to this.. ok to share info with the reporter?

Thanks,

Kate

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**From:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 13, 2023 8:07 AM  
**To:** Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>; Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

OK thanks so much for the update. Is that appropriate info for me to share with this reporter?

I'm new to this topic so not sure what it is sensitive or not here.

Thanks!

Kate

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

**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 3:30:14 PM

**To:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>; Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

Hi. Ok, so we don't have any decibel readings at this time regarding the SpaceX test yesterday.

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**From:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>

**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 10:28 AM

**To:** Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>; Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>

**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

Hi Chris and Dawn,

My name is Kate Novak and I am on a detail assisting with Aubry Buzek's Texas PAS work. Aubry indicated you were both good contacts for SpaceX questions.

I was sent this media request (below) yesterday and was wondering if you had any information that I could provide? I am new to this work and issue, so apologies if this is not even info that we collect and/or provide to media?

Thanks for any assistance,

Kate

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**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

Good morning Christian,

Thank you for reaching out and your interest in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and details on SpaceX.

I will forward your specific questions to our specialists and see if I can provide you with further information.

Kate

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**From:** Christian von Preysing <cvp@krgv.com>

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

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Hello. I'm a reporter with KRGV in Weslaco, TX.

I'm writing to inquire if USFWS here in South Texas did a sound decibel reading during today's SpaceX rocket engine test. If so, can we please be informed of the results?

If it was done, it would be good to know the reading and the location where it was taken.

Thank you.