

**From:** [Gardiner, Dawn](#)  
**To:** [Combs, Brett A](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 11, 2023 1:47:04 PM

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**From:** Gardiner, Dawn <dawn\_gardiner@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2023 4:28 PM  
**To:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>; Perez, Chris <chris\_perez@fws.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: [EXTERNAL] SpaceX Boca Chica decibel reading

Kate the USFWS did not do decibel readings of the event. I believe we can tell the reporter something like this from Laura- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is aware of the issues raised regarding sound, heat and vibration and will be working with SpaceX, FAA, and our Division of Migratory Birds to look at possibilities to reduce these impacts.

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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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**From:** Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, February 10, 2023 9:22 AM  
**To:** Christian von Preysing <cvp@krgv.com>  
**Cc:** Ullenberg, Beth <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>  
**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>

**Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 9:56 PM

**To:** Ullenberg, Beth <beth\_ullenberg@fws.gov>; Novak, Kate <Kate\_Novak@fws.gov>

**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.