

Hi Reagan: FYI, see below our official media release.

The Service is in communication with SpaceX and other partner agencies and organizations to provide on-the-ground guidance to minimize further impacts and reduce long-term damages to natural resources. We are also coordinating with the FAA on their site assessment, post-launch event recommendations, and Endangered Species Act compliance.

Following the launch and mid-air explosion, Cameron County closed Boca Chica Beach and State Highway 4 for 48 hours due to launch pad safety concerns, which prevented U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff from accessing refuge-owned and managed land. Once the closure ended, Service staff began their assessment of the launch impacts at 10 a.m. April 22, 2023.

For more information on the FAA's mishap investigation, reach out to Steve Kulm at steven.w.kulm@faa.gov.

