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Stephanie Bilodeau, Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program, Scot Edler, Chris Perez and I with Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR met onsite at 10:30am today to view the 3 pcs of debris on the Boca Chica State Park as a result of the Friday Feb 26, 2020 10pm explosion of a fuel tank.

Stephanie pointed out the status of Snowy Plover and Wilson's Plover nesting thus far in the vicinity at Boca Chica and collectively we recommended that Space-X air-lift out the largest piece (via helicopter) and that the other 2 smaller pieces be dragged out carefully so as not to do additional damage to mangroves near HW 4. The substrate is very soft in this area so use of vehicle to move debris is not an option.

Randy Rees with Space-X met us on-site and we discussed options. Randy had recommend last Friday that a helicopter may be the best option. I was hesitant since I was not informed on the status of shorebird nesting in the area. However, Stephanie let us know that Wilson's Plovers have yet to begin nesting, which is the species likely to be most impacted .

Randy stated he would be looking into air-lift options. I support this method of removal. I would recommend that the helicopter avoid flying over the Refuge/State Park and focus solely on flying to the debris and removal to HW 4 and seek to minimize time in the air and flying around the scene, for purposes of minimizing disturbance to Snowy Plovers nesting nearby.

The two pieces of smaller debris can be dragged to HW4 from the road shoulder. With some help, the debris can be dragged in a manner that will minimize damage to mangrove vegetation.

Randy Rees will be reporting back once this removal action is set to occur, and when it is completed.

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