Appendix F

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Dear President Watkins:

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its implementing regulations, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), has prepared a draft Environmental Impact Statement (dEIS) for the issuance of an incidental take permit (ITP) under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.). The ITP, if issued, would be to Bexar County and the City of San Antonio, Texas, for incidental take of federally listed species from activities associated with the development and implementation of the Southern Edwards Plateau Habitat Conservation Plan (SEP-HCP). The SEP-HCP will provide measures to minimize and mitigate for the impacts of the proposed taking of federally listed species and the habitat upon which they depend.

The Service's proposed action is the issuance of an ITP for the covered species within Bexar County's and San Antonio's projected 30-year extra-territorial jurisdiction (see Enrollment Area on Figure 1). Species proposed to be covered by the SEP-HCP are two birds: the golden-cheeked warbler (*Setophaga [Dendroica] chrysoparia*), black-capped vireo (*Vireo atricapilla*), and seven cave-dwelling species: *Rhadine exilis* (no common name), *R. infernalis* (no common name), Helotes mold beetle (*Batrisodes venyivi*), Government Canyon Bat Cave spider (*Neoleptoneta microps*), Madla cave meshweaver (*Cicurinia madla*), Government Canyon Bat Cave meshweaver (*C. vespera*), and Braken Bat Cave meshweaver (*C. venii*). Activities proposed for coverage under the ITP include otherwise lawful activities that would occur consistent with the SEP-HCP and include, but are not limited to, public or private land-development projects; transportation and utility infrastructure; public infrastructure and improvement projects; management activities on preserves; and quarries, gravel mining, or other similar extraction projects.

Bexar County and the City of Antonio will implement the SEP-HCP. Mitigation measures may include preservation of habitat, creation of new habitat, establishing buffers around existing habitat, modification of land use practices or project designs, and restrictions on access to habitat areas. Implementation of the SEP-HCP would create a coordinated regional conservation program to protect sensitive natural resources in the seven-county plan area which includes Bexar, Medina, Bandera, Kerr, Kendall, Blanco, and Comal counties. It will result in the establishment of preserves intended to provide for the conservation of the covered species occupying those preserves.

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The Service would like to solicit your input on the project to determine if your tribe has any concerns or issues about the issuance of the ITP. In particular, we are interested in learning whether or not its issuance has the potential to impact any significant archaeological, religious, or cultural sites. Please submit any comments or concerns to the address above. If you have any questions please contact Ms. Tanya Sommer at (512) 490-0057, extension 222.

Sincerely,

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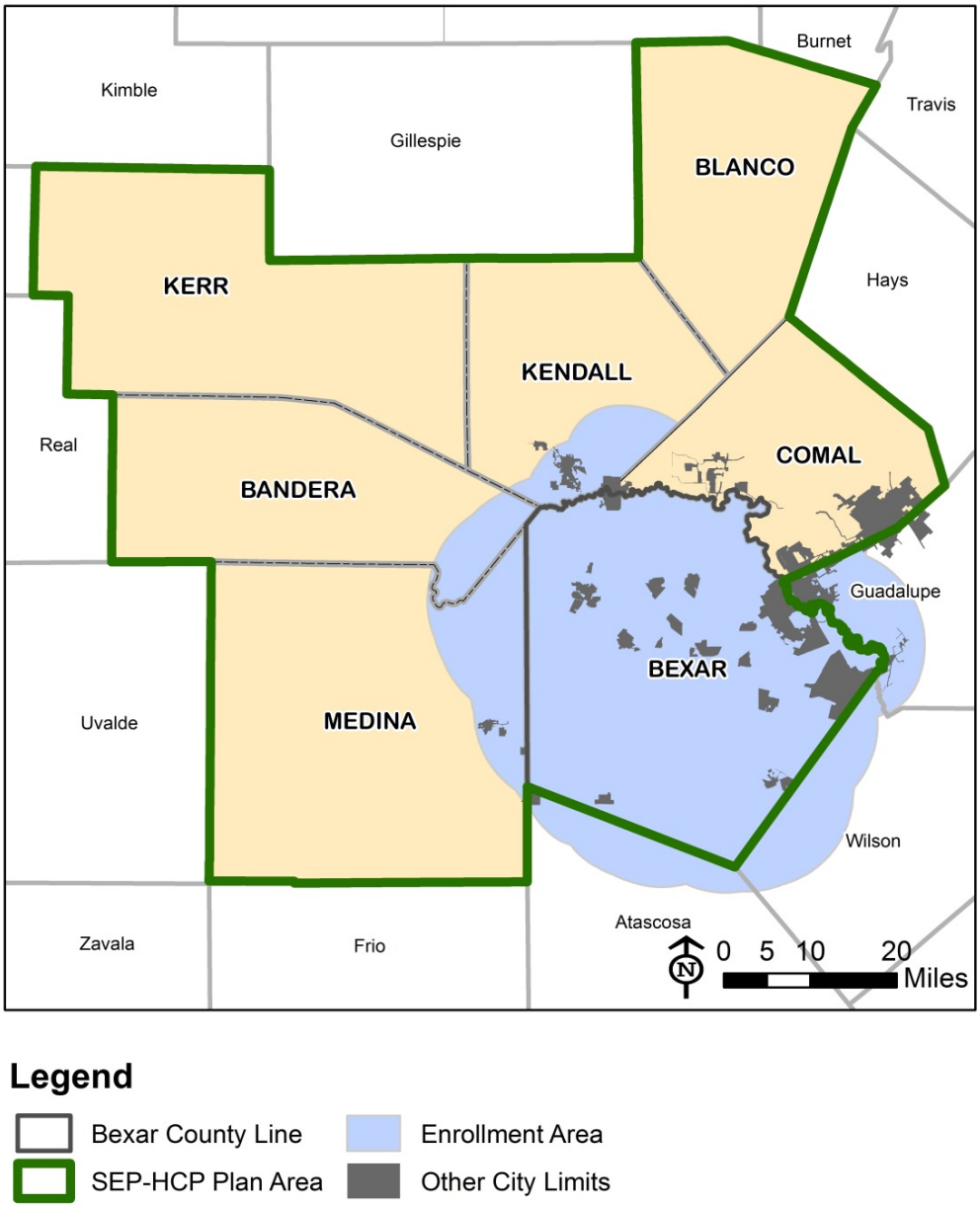

Figure 1: SEP-HCP Plan Area and Enrollment Area