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 Subject RE: Update on Salado Sping citation

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That is correct. We were concerned that the situation would be made worse rather than better if they were required to pull out all the rock work and try to re-establish an earthen bank all around the spring and spring run. Also, much of the work performed was outside our jurisdiction so there were remaining questions about how much removal we could require, and whether we would end up with a partial restoration that satisfied nobody.

From: Joshua_Booker@fws.gov [mailto:Joshua_Booker@fws.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, May 15, 2012 4:09 PM
To: Tom Heger
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Thanks for the quick response! Just to clarify, I understand that the permittee was not required to modify or remove the work that was already completed before the permit, correct?

Thanks,
 Josh

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The attached permit was issued on March 21, 2012. The permit contains a figure showing where rock work along the bank was proposed. The other attachment shows areas in pink around the springs where work had already been done when the work was reported. The yellow shows rock areas allowed by the permit. The project has been completed, so the figures should show current conditions at the site.

The permit contains a provision prohibiting further disturbance within the lower (Big Boiling) spring and spring run. The upper (Little Bubbly) spring was determined to not be within TPWD jurisdiction.

Tom

From: Joshua_Booker@fws.gov [mailto:Joshua_Booker@fws.gov]
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Hi Tom,

I'm working on revisions to the proposed listing document for the Salado salamander, and there's a paragraph in the document that describes recent work at Salado Springs:

"For example, in the fall of 2011, the outflow channels and edges of these two springs were reconstructed with large limestone blocks and mortar. In addition, in response to other activity in the area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a cease and desist order to the Salado Chamber of Commerce in October 2011, for unauthorized discharge of dredged or fill material that occurred in this area (Brooks 2011, U.S. Corps of Engineers, pers. comm.). This order was issued in relation to the need for a Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act. Also in October 2011, a TPWD game warden issued a citation to the Salado Chamber of Commerce due to the need for a sand and gravel permit from the TPWD for work being conducted within TPWD's jurisdiction (Heger 2012, TPWD, pers. comm.). The citation was issued because the Salado Chamber of Commerce had been directed by the game warden to stop work within TPWD's jurisdiction, which they did temporarily, but work started again contrary to the game warden's directive (Heger 2012, pers. comm.). "

It's been a few months since we've heard anything about this work, and I was wondering if you had an update on the situation there. Did the city ever obtain a permit? Did the work continue?

Thanks for you help,

Josh

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