



U.S. Department
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**Federal Highway
Administration**



PUBLIC NOTICE and OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMENT PROPOSED *DE MINIMIS* SECTION 4(F) FINDING

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Grayson County, and the Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge), managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, propose to improve Refuge Road in Grayson County, Texas. The proposed improvements, which extend into the Refuge, will include approximately 0.21 acre of additional pavement resulting from roadway widening to better accommodate Refuge visitors and reduce maintenance needs.

In accordance with federal law FHWA is soliciting comments on the effects this project would have on Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge. To complete these improvements approximately 0.21 acres of additional pavement would be added to widen existing roadway, which represents 0.00001% of the existing Refuge. No habitat functions of the Refuge would be impaired.

FHWA is anticipating a determination that the roadway improvements meet the definition of a *de minimis* impact, as defined in 23 CFR 774.17(5). A *de minimis* finding may be made when uses of Section 4(f) land will have no adverse effect on the protected resources.

Information on this proposed action and its impacts, avoidance, minimization, mitigation or enhancement measures is available by contacting Thomas Parker, FHWA Environmental Specialist, at the following:

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Comments must be submitted on or before **April 30, 2015** to Thomas Parker, Environmental Protection Specialist, with FHWA. Comments will become part of the official record and will be considered when making future project related decisions.