Border Barrier Remediation
Public Feedback and Future Plans
United States Border Patrol

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Overview
Overview of Border Barrier Projects

As of January 20, 2021, ~458 miles of barrier have been completed with sites in various stages of construction.

- **DHS funding**
  - ~113 completed miles
  - (~21 miles in Rio Grande Valley Sector are in various stages of construction)

- **Department of Defense (DoD) 284 Counter-Narcotics funding**
  - ~259 completed miles

- **DoD 2808 Military Construction funding**
  - ~87 completed miles
  - Prior to the start of work, make safe activities will be the subject of an environmental planning process, including compliance with NEPA.
January 20, 2021 – Today

**PROCLAMATION:** On Jan. 20, 2021, President Biden issued Presidential Proclamation 10142, titled “Presidential Proclamation on the Termination of Emergency with Respect to the Southern Border and Redirection of Funds Diverted to Border Wall Construction.”

**DHS PLAN:** On June 11, 2021, DHS released its “Border Wall Plan Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation 10142,” as required in Section II of the Proclamation, the Plan sets forth the guiding principles for DHS-funded border barrier construction going forward.

**DOD 284 MAKE-SAFE:** On Dec. 21, 2021, DHS announced that CBP will begin activities necessary to address life, safety, environmental, and other remediation requirements for border barrier projects previously undertaken by DoD utilizing 284 Counter Narcotic Funds, specifically in the San Diego, El Centro, Yuma, Tucson, El Paso, and Del Rio Sectors.

**PLAN AMENDMENT:** On July 11, 2022, DHS announced that CBP will prioritize remaining prior year barrier funds for environmental remediation and mitigation and the installation of system attributes in places with previously built barrier.

**RGV LEVEE MITIGATION & SAN DIEGO EROSION CONTROL:** On April 30, 2021, DHS authorized CBP to resume construction activities to finish the flood-control levees located within the RGV Sector and to complete erosion control measures in the San Diego Sector.

**LIFE, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL & OTHER REMEDIATION PROJECTS:** On July 27, 2021, DHS authorized CBP to complete additional projects necessary to address life, safety, environmental, and other remediation requirements located within USBP’s El Centro, RGV, and San Diego Sectors.

**LIFE, SAFETY, ENVIRONMENTAL & OTHER REMEDIATION PROJECTS:** On May 27, 2022, DHS authorized CBP to complete additional projects necessary to address life, safety, environmental, and other remediation requirements located within USBP’s San Diego, El Centro, Yuma, El Paso, and RGV Sectors.
DHS intends to prioritize remediation projects that are needed to address life and safety, including the protection of the public, USBP agents, and nearby communities from potential harms, and avert environmental damage or degradation.

**Make Safe**
- Back fill trenches
- Install signage
- Address and mitigate exposed rebar and sharp points
- Remove debris and other materials

**Environmental Restoration**
- Address erosion and sediment control
- Pave and stabilize slopes
- Address low-water crossings and drainage gates
- Restore, repair, and decommission roads

**Environmental Mitigation**
- Habitat mitigation and restoration
- Cultural resource mitigation
- Control invasive species
- Scientific studies of impact
Public Comment Periods Overview

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Comment Period: May 25 – June 24, 2022

Specific to the San Diego Sector, commenters:
• Provided input on stormwater best management practices
• Recommended consulting with impacted or interested tribes

While not part of the scope for the San Diego Sector border barrier remediation projects, commenters:
• Expressed concern about the Tijuana River Barrier, a bridge project over the river with storm water gates below, and about construction plans near Friendship Park
• Requested the restoration of the Binational Garden

Contracts will be awarded Fall 2022 and work will start Winter 2022–2023.

LENGTH
Approximately 14 miles
Comment Period: June 28 – July 28, 2022

Specific to the El Centro Sector, commenters:

- Requested berms along paved roads in Davies and Skull valleys (impacting water flow and challenging for animals to cross)
- Expressed concern about erosion on steep loop road and hillsides, especially in Davies Valley and near the area of wall at Mt. Signal

Contracts will be awarded Fall 2022 and work will start Winter 2022-2023.
Feedback

Comment Period: April 21 – May 20, 2022

Specific to the Yuma Sector, commenters:

- Recommended conducting damage assessments on cultural sites and evaluating sites for inclusion into the National Register of Historic Places

Length

Approximately 15 miles

Below: Border barrier and road in Yuma Sector

Right: Disturbed land adjacent to the border barrier

Below: Construction materials
Comment Period: Jan. 4 – Feb. 3, 2022

Specific to the Tucson Sector, commenters:

- Expressed concern about the closure of gates at San Pedro River, Silver Creek, Black Draw, and Hay Hollow
- Warned about flooding potential in the San Pedro River and Guadalupe Canyon areas
- Suggested decommissioning or restoring roads and disturbed areas within the Coronado National Forest, Coronado National Memorial, and Guadalupe Canyon

Two contracts have been awarded and construction will start in October 2022.
Feedback

Comment Period: March 8 – April 7, 2022

Specific to the El Paso Sector, commenters:

• Suggested hiring contractors knowledgeable about contouring the land, in ecologically sound ways, for restoration of areas impacted by gouging and blasting, such as the **Whitewater and Carrizalillo Mountains**

• Noted that CBP should ensure adequate placement of gates in FEMA-identified flood zones, which includes most of the **border barrier in El Paso County east of the Rio Grande**

Length

Approximately 46 miles
Del Rio

**Feedback**

Comment Period: Aug. 2 – Sept. 2, 2022

Specific to the Del Rio Sector, commenters:

- Noted the long list of known designated historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect, including the **The Lee Building**, which was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1968.

- Expressed concern about preservation of **Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas villages sites** with wall paintings between Laredo and Sanderson, all the way to Ozuna and even up to San Angelo.

**Length**

Approximately 4 miles


Right: Unfinished border barrier relocation.
CBP is working to remediate the earthen flood control levees in Hidalgo County, Texas. The earthen flood control levees are being remediated with new concrete levees.

The approved modified design for the levee repairs includes a four-to-six–foot high guardrail installed on the top of the concrete vertical flood control levee.

The majority of the levee remediation is complete. The remaining work is anticipated to be complete in late 2022.
More Information

Further information and updates, including Spanish-language materials, can be found on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website at [cbp.gov/about/environmental-management](http://cbp.gov/about/environmental-management)

Send any comments to commentsenv@cbp.dhs.gov

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