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Environmental Assessment and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Demolition of Eight U.S. Customs and Border Protection-Owned Housing Units at Falcon Village, Texas

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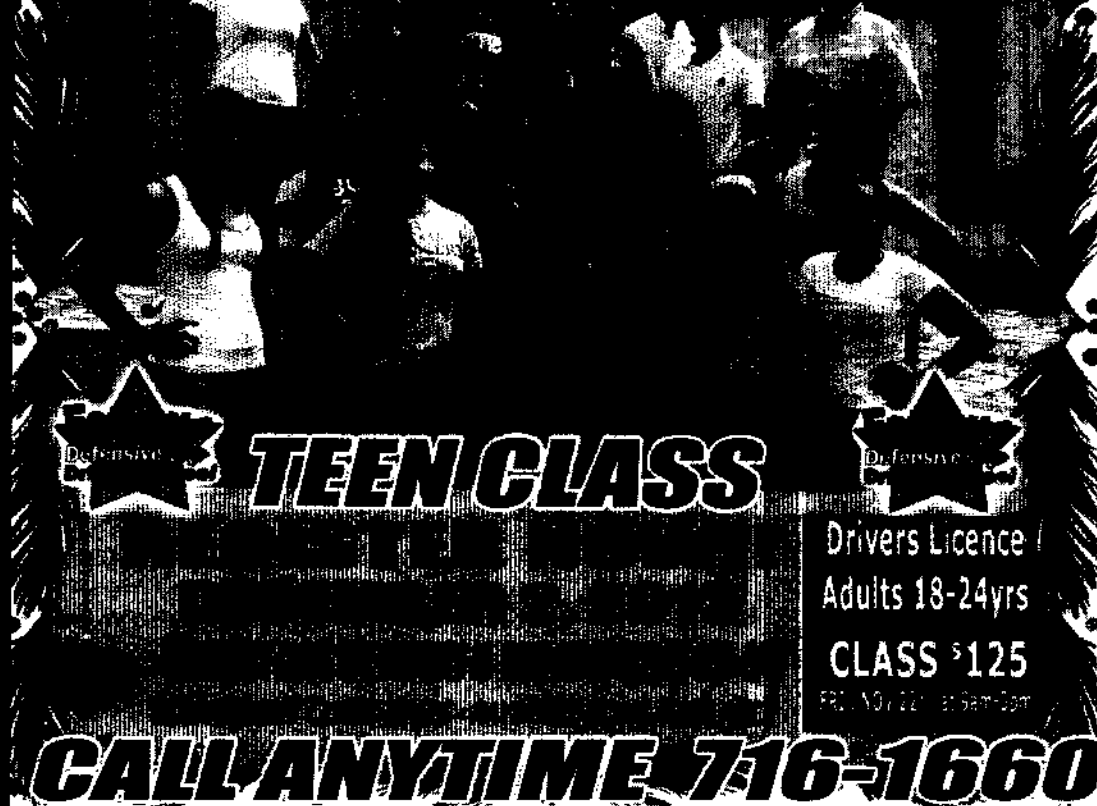
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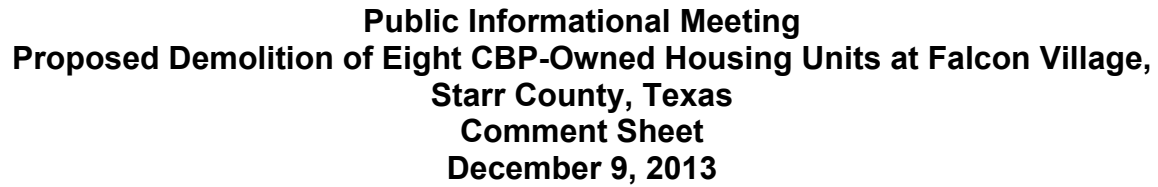
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is charged with managing, securing, and controlling the Nation's borders. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is one of the DHS's largest and most complex components, with a priority mission of keeping terrorists and their weapons out of the United States. CBP has a responsibility for securing the Nation's borders and facilitating lawful international trade and travel. CBP personnel at the Falcon Dam Land Port of Entry (LPOE or Port) are responsible for enforcing the import and export laws and regulations of the U.S. Federal Government and for conducting immigration policy and programs. Port personnel are the "face" of the United States at the border for most cargo and visitors entering the United States. Port personnel also perform agriculture inspections to protect the United States from potential carriers of animal and plant pests or diseases that could cause serious damage to America's crops, livestock, pets, and the environment. CBP currently owns and maintains several single-family housing units in support of their Falcon Dam LPOE operations. Eight (8) of these housing units are no longer needed, and therefore CBP proposes to demolish the houses. Four (4) of the units proposed for demolition have previously been considered to be contributing historic properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-eligible Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District.

STUDY LOCATION

The CBP-owned houses proposed for demolition are located in Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas. Falcon Village is at the southeastern tip of Falcon Lake, immediately adjacent to Falcon State Park. The Village is approximately ½ mile east/northeast of the Falcon Dam LPOE.

PURPOSE AND NEED

The purpose of the Proposed Action is to eliminate the need for CBP-ongoing maintenance and upkeep of housing units that are no longer needed in support of operations at the Falcon Dam LPOE.

PROPOSED ACTION AND ALTERNATIVES

The Proposed Action consists of demolishing the eight (8) CBP-owned housing units that are no longer needed in support of operations at the Falcon Dam LPOE. The overall goal of the project is to demolish and completely remove all housing units and related infrastructure (fences, aboveground and known or discovered underground storage tanks [ASTs and USTs], septic tanks, cisterns, walkways to the houses, steps or entries, fallen trees or vegetation, trees less than 2 inches in diameter, bushes, stumps, etc.) at each of the eight (8) properties. The concrete slabs, driveways, and footing of the units would be protected and left in place to minimize soil erosion. All trees larger than 2 inches in diameter would also be protected and left in place. After the demolition activities are completed, all properties would then be restored by filling any holes, trenches, and/or depressions and grading the disturbed areas to match the surrounding areas.

Alternative 1 consists of donating up to four (4) of the CBP-owned housing units that are identified as contributing resources within the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District and demolishing the remaining four (4) CBP-owned units. Under the No Action Alternative, CBP would retain the eight (8) housing units and continue to provide upkeep and maintenance. Only the Proposed Action was deemed to fulfill the purpose and need for action. As a result, Alternative 1 was eliminated from detailed study in the EA. The reasoning for elimination is discussed briefly below. The No Action Alternative does not satisfy the purpose and need for action; however, pursuant to NEPA, the No Action Alternative has been carried forward as the baseline to which potential impacts of the Proposed Action can be measured. The No Action Alternative is also discussed briefly below.

- **Alternative 1 – Donate up to Four (4) of the CBP-Owned Housing Units Identified as Contributing Resources within the NRHP-Eligible Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District and Demolish the Four (4) Remaining CBP-Owned Units.** Under this alternative, CBP would donate or transfer ownership of up to four (4) of the housing units identified as contributing resources within the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District. This would include housing units C-102,

C-104, C-106 (all built in 1962), and L-101 (built in 1965). The remaining four (4) housing units, I-401, I-403, I-405, and I-407 would be demolished. Under this alternative, CBP would no longer be responsible for on-going maintenance and upkeep of the units. CBP officials contacted the IBWC (U.S. Section), the THC, and the Starr County Historical Commission regarding the desire to dispose of the four (units) identified as contributing resources within the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District. Although the Starr County Historical Commission expressed an interest in the use of one (1) or more of the units, the existing infrastructure cannot currently support occupancy (IBWC 2013). As a result, this alternative was eliminated from any further consideration.

- **No Action Alternative – Continued CBP-Ownership of the Eight Housing Units No Longer Needed in Support of Falcon Dam LPOE Operations.** Under the No Action alternative, CBP would retain ownership of the eight (8) housing units that are no longer needed to support operations at the Falcon Dam LPOE. Retaining ownership would require CBP to continue to provide on-going maintenance and upkeep on the units. Expenditures would continue for as long as CBP retains ownership of the housing units.

AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES

A summary of the likely impacts associated with implementing both the No Action Alternative and the Proposed Action is provided in the following table (Table ES-1).

Table ES-1. Summary of Likely Impacts Associated with Implementing the Proposed Action and No Action Alternative.

Issue/Resource	No Action Alternative	Proposed Action
Air Quality	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant air quality impacts; however, minor, short-term negative impacts could be expected on a local level, throughout the duration of the demolition activities. Conditions would be expected to return to normal once activities were completed. The temporary impacts would primarily be the result of soil disturbances, razing of the homes, and exhaust emissions from heavy equipment and on-road worker and material/equipment delivery vehicles.
Noise	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant noise impacts; however, a minor, short-term increase in noise could be expected throughout the duration of the demolition activities. Conditions would be expected to return to normal once activities were completed. The temporary impacts would be the result of heavy equipment operation.
Hazardous Materials and Sites	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impact as a result of the use of hazardous materials or chemicals as part of demolition activities or from encountering hazardous materials and/or sites during demolition activities. There appear to be no known hazardous materials sites in the vicinity, and all hazardous materials either used, generated, or disposed of as part of the demolition activities would be done so in accordance with all pertinent Federal, state, and local regulations.
Asbestos and Lead-Based Paint	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impact as a result of existing ACM or LBP. Prior to demolition activities, all ACM and LBP would be removed and disposed of in accordance with NESHAP and other pertinent Federal, state, and/or local regulations.

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Wildlife, Protected Species/Critical Habitats, and Migratory Birds	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impacts to wildlife or protected species. Prior to demolition activities (and before January 2014 if possible), all cave swallow and oriole nests would be removed by personnel trained/instructed, and/or qualified to do such removal. The individuals doing the nest removal would ensure that the nests are not active (no chicks or eggs present) prior to removal. All demolition personnel would be instructed on the significance and potential habitat/presence of the Texas horned lizard and Texas indigo snake in the area. Immediately before demolition commences at each property, a biologist (or other personnel trained/instructed, and/or qualified) would do a walking survey in an effort to make sure neither species is present. If either species is seen or uncovered either prior to, or during demolition, activities would cease and the species would be removed safely from the property. If any species are seen/encountered, additional care would be taken as demolition activities continue, and based on on-site conditions (presence or absence of either species), activities may be modified in a manner that best allows for the identification and safe removal of either species.
Socioeconomics	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant socioeconomic impacts. There would be no expected effect on the existing population, housing, or the existing racial or ethnic composition of the area, as there would be no new influx or outflow of people. Implementing the Proposed Action would result in no new long-term employment opportunities. As a result, existing income and employment in the area would not be expected to change. However, short-term employment gains could be realized as a result of the contracted demolition activities. A limited short-term economic gain to local/nearby communities could also be realized as a result of construction worker food and beverage sales, hotel accommodations, construction materials purchasing, equipment/vehicle rental, etc. Implementing the Proposed Action could result in a minor reduction in the overall number of available houses in the area (8 housing units). However, because the housing units (and lots) are owned by the Federal Government (and were occupied by Federal employees at one time), it is not clear as to whether or not the units were included in the 2010 USCB counts. Either way, a loss of eight units would not noticeably affect the housing characteristics of the area.
Environmental Justice and Protection of Children	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts.	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impacts to minority or low-income populations, or to children. Because no significant impacts to the natural and/or man-made or human environments would be anticipated, no significant impacts (disproportionate or otherwise) would therefore be anticipated to minority and low-income populations or children in the area.

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Cultural and Historic Resources	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts. However, there is a potential for a long-term negative impact to the NRHP-recommended District if the houses remain standing (due to potential deterioration, vandalism, etc.).	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impact to archaeological or historic architectural resources (including Native American resources). However, because four (4) of the eight (8) houses proposed for demolition are considered to be contributing elements of the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District, implementing the Proposed Action would result in an adverse impact to the District. Because of this, CBP has entered into Section 106 consultation with the Texas State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) regarding the likely impacts and mitigations strategies to be implemented in an effort to minimize the impact. Upon successful completion of this mitigation there would be no significant impact to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District.
Aesthetics and Visual Resources	Implementing the No Action Alternative would be expected to result in no significant impacts. However, there is a potential for a long-term negative impact to the NRHP-recommended District if the houses remain standing (due to potential deterioration, vandalism, etc.).	Implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in no significant impacts to the aesthetics or visual resources of the area. However, although not considered significant, implementing the Proposed Action would be expected to result in an adverse impact to the visual character of the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District. Implementing the Proposed Action would result in the demolition of four (4) houses that are considered to be contributing elements of the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District. The overall visual character of the District would be permanently altered. CBP has entered into Section 106 consultation with the Texas SHPO regarding the likely impacts and mitigation strategies to be implemented in an effort to minimize the impact. Upon successful completion of this mitigation there would be no significant impact to the NRHP-recommended Falcon Dam and Falcon Village Historic District.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based upon the analyses contained in the Environmental Assessment (EA), the Best Management Practices (BMPs), and mitigation to be implemented, the Proposed Action would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, no further analysis or documentation (i.e., Environmental Impact Statement) is warranted. CBP, in implementing this decision, would employ all practical means to minimize the potential for adverse impacts on the human and natural environment.



Photos from Public Informational Meeting.

Appendix B

Correspondence (including Section 106 Consultation)



**U.S. Customs and
Border Protection**

Ms. Katherine Kerr
Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 803
Washington, DC 20004

SEP 20 2013

Reference: Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Demolition of Eight U.S. Customs and Border Protection-Owned Houses in Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas – National Environmental Policy Act and National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Consultation

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Per discussions with the THC, in June 2013 and after, CBP and GSA made attempts to avoid the adverse impact. CBP and GSA contacted Mr. Alonzo Alvarez, the Commissioner of the Starr County Historical Commission to see if it was possible for the Historical Commission to use the houses in some capacity. Over the course of a few months we spoke with Mr. Alvarez about this possibility to avoid demolition. Mr. Alvarez visited the houses and responded that the County could not use the houses, and so they will be demolished.

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In compliance with 36 CFR 800.6(a)(1), CBP and GSA are notifying the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) that the proposed demolition at the Falcon Dam Village would have an Adverse Effect on Historic Properties. We trust that the aforementioned represents adequate notice and that the information is sufficient should you wish to participate in the MOA process.

Comments should be directed to:

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Environmental and Energy Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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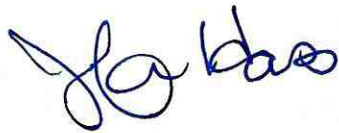
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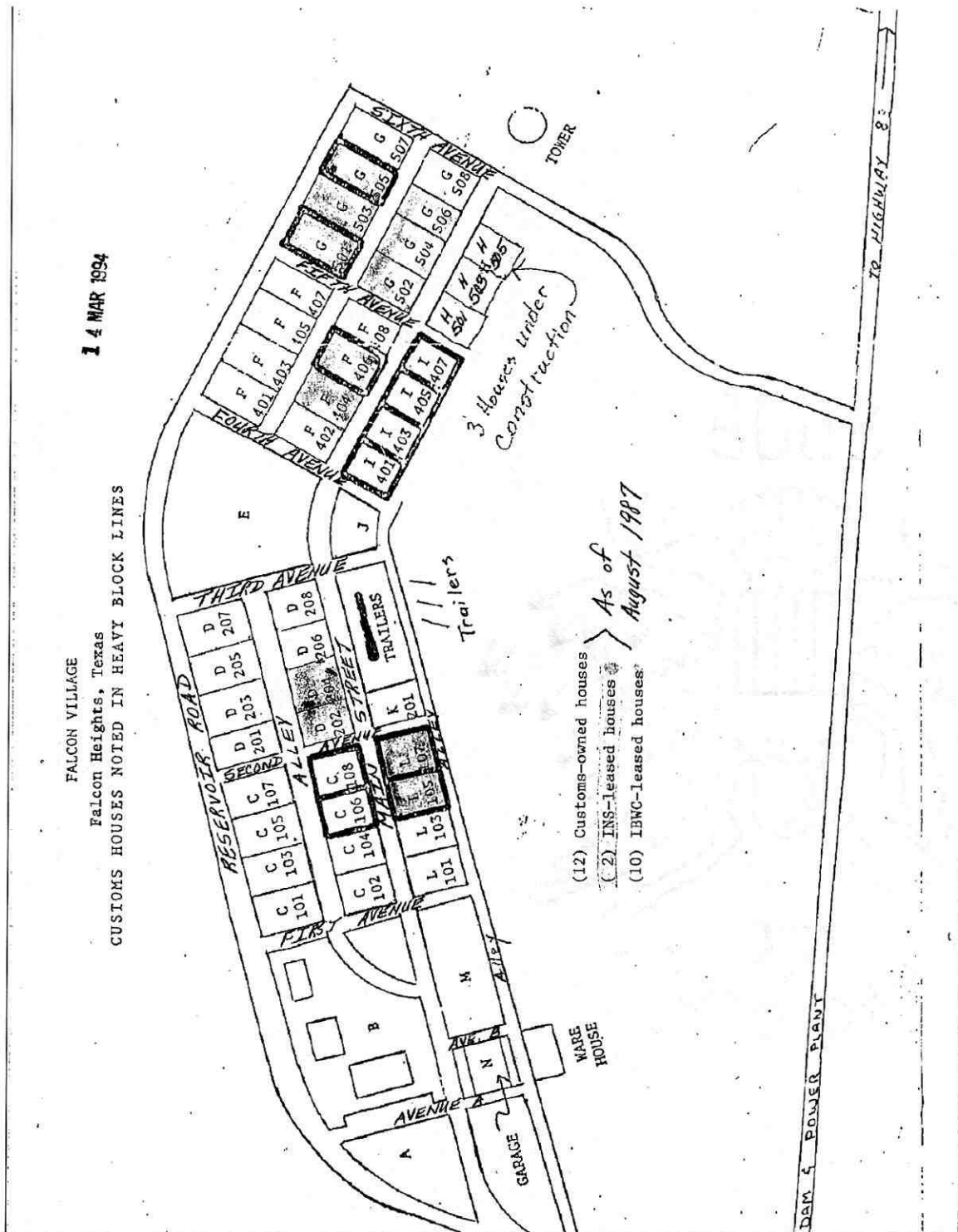


Figure 1. Falcon Village, 1987 map, showing structures slated for demolition.

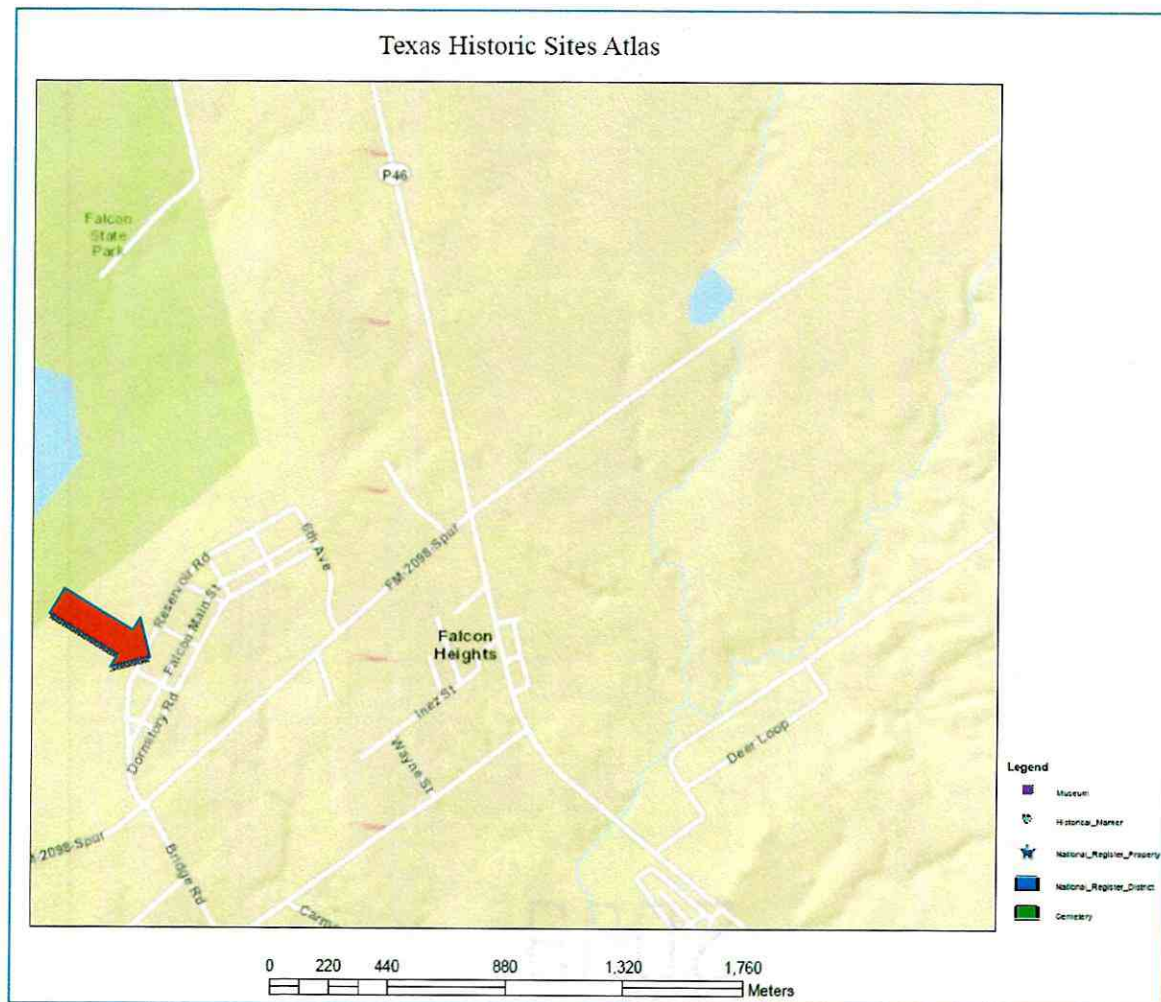
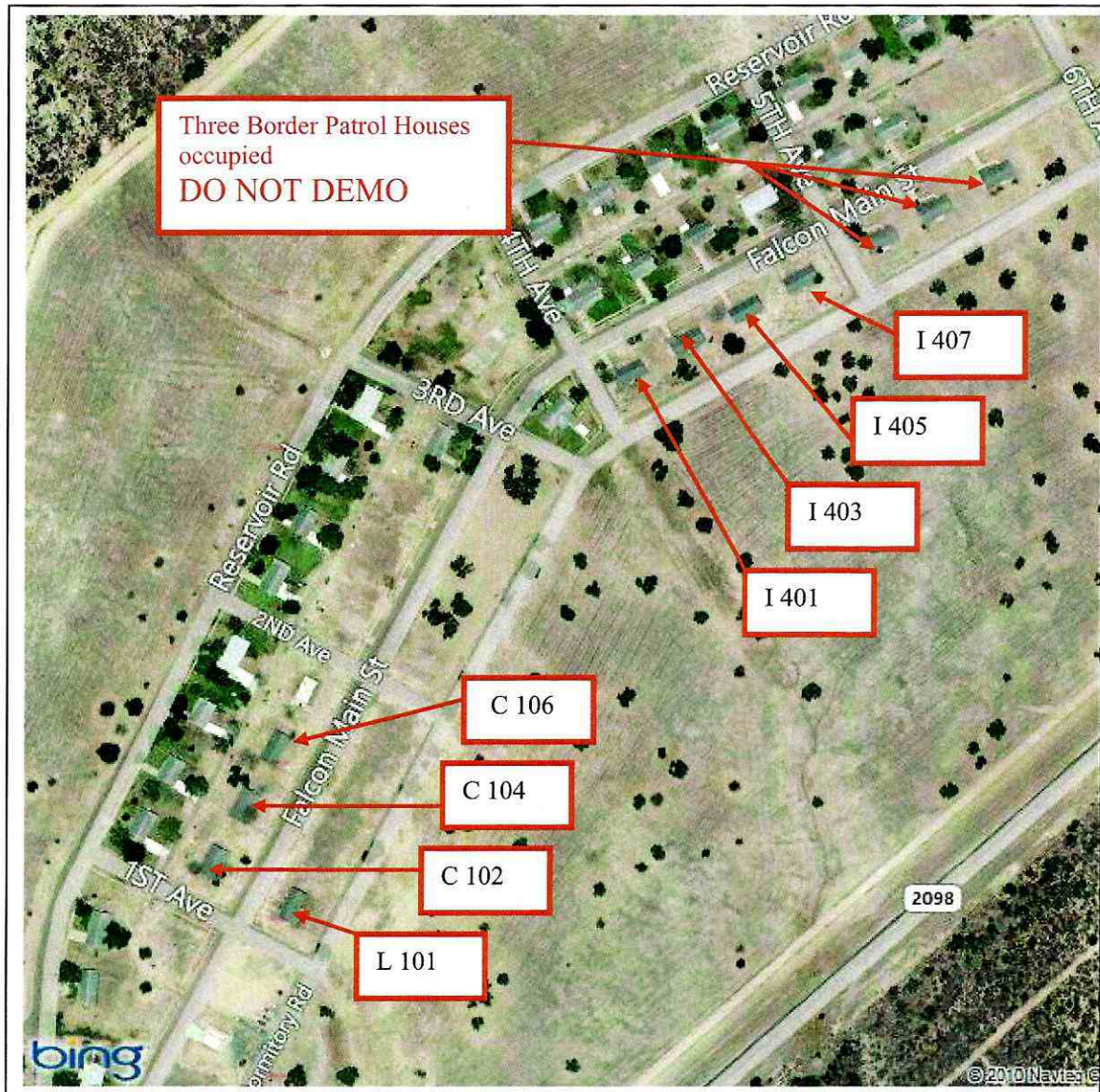


Figure 2. Location of Project Area. Red arrow points to Project Area.

APPENDIX A

FALCON VILLAGE, TX GOVERNMENT HOUSING SITE PLAN DEMO EIGHT HOUSING UNITS



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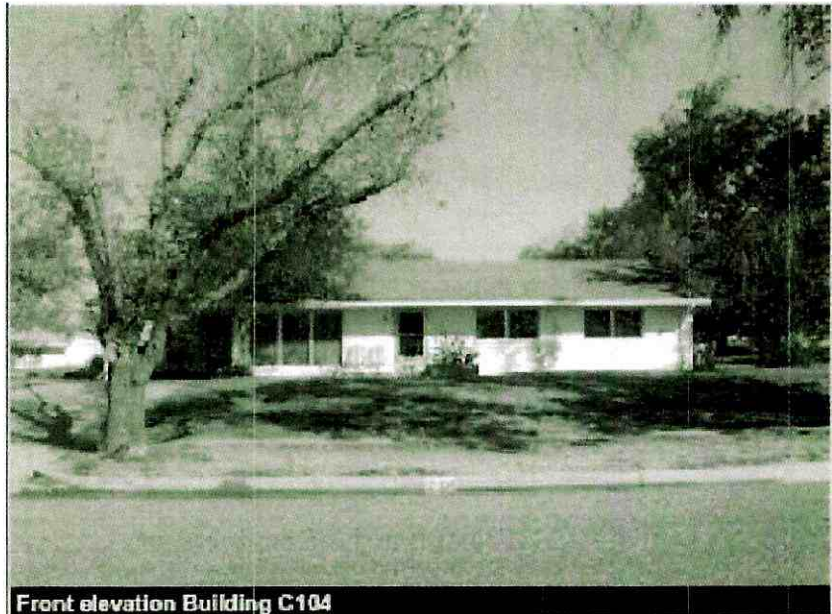


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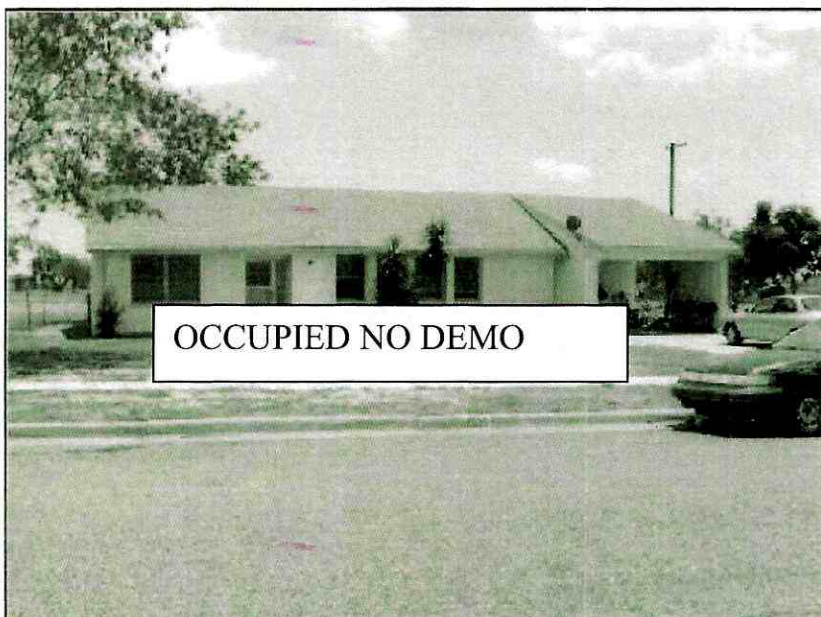


Front elevation Building C104

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Falcon Heights TXMS07

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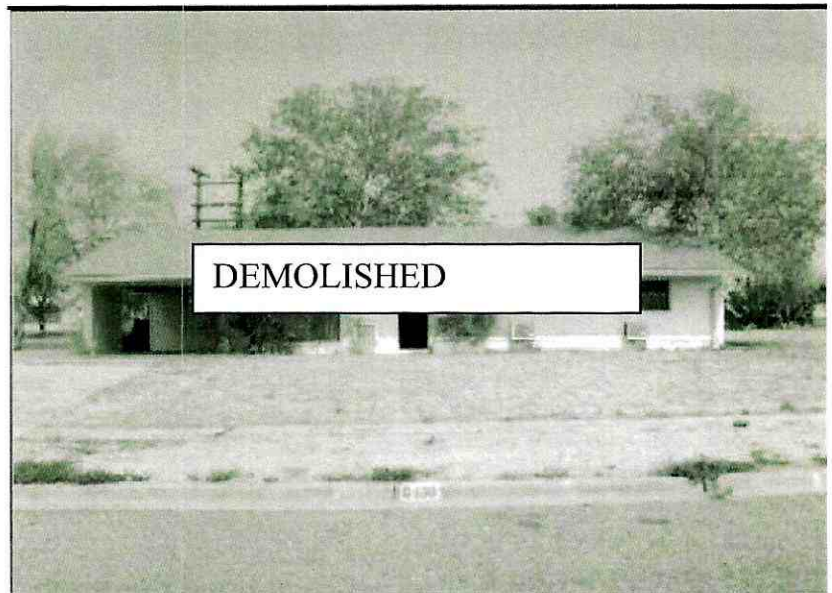
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Housing Unit has been
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Falcon Heights TXMS09

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I403



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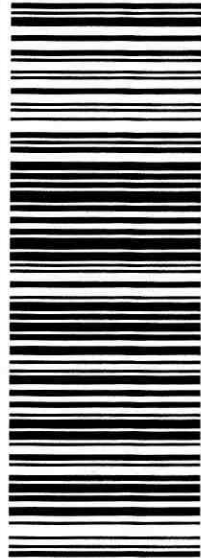
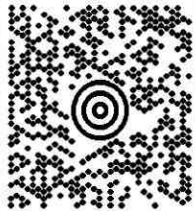

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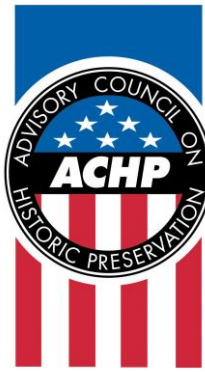
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October 24, 2013

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Director, Environmental and Energy Division
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
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**Ref: *Proposed Demolition of Eight Single-Family Housing Units in Falcon Village
Starr County, Texas***

Dear Ms. Hass:

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) recently received your notification and supporting documentation regarding the adverse effects of the referenced project on properties listed on and eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Based upon the information you provided, we have concluded that Appendix A, *Criteria for Council Involvement in Reviewing Individual Section 106 Cases*, of our regulations, "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800), does not apply to this undertaking. Accordingly, we do not believe that our participation in the consultation to resolve adverse effects is needed. However, if we receive a request for participation from the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, affected Indian tribe, a consulting party, or other party, we may reconsider this decision. Additionally, should circumstances change, and you determine that our participation is needed to conclude the consultation process, please notify us.

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Thank you for providing us with the opportunity to review this undertaking. If you have any questions, please contact Katharine Kerr at 202-606-8534, or via email at kkerr@achp.gov.

Sincerely,

Raymond V. Wallace
Historic Preservation Technician
Office of Federal Agency Programs



**U.S. Customs and
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Mr. Mark Wolfe
State Historic Preservation Officer
Texas Historical Commission
108 West 16th Street
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CBP will also invite the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, the Comanche Nation, the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma to consult concerning this undertaking, pursuant to § 800.2(c)(1)(i) and § 800.2(c)(2).

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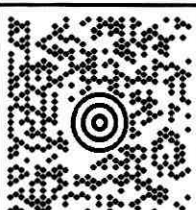
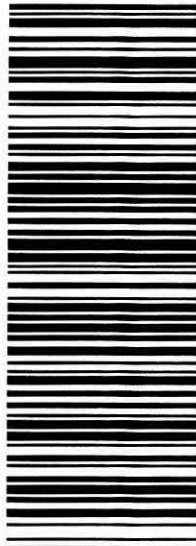

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The purpose of this letter is to invite you to comment on this undertaking, in accordance with 36 CFR 800.3, and to initiate the NEPA process.

CBP has also invited the THC, the Alabama-Coushatta Tribe, the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, and the Comanche Nation, to consult concerning these undertakings pursuant to 36 CFR Part 88.2(c)(1).

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Re: *Project review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966,
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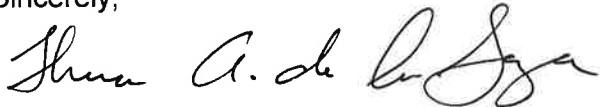
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We are returning eight (8) pages with the signature of the Chief Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer of the Texas Historical Commission. We have retained an copy of the document for our files.

Thank you for your cooperation in this federal review process and resolution of adverse effects, in addition to your efforts to preserve the irreplaceable heritage of Texas. **If we can be of further assistance, please contact Theresa A. de la Garza at 512/463-8952.**

Sincerely,



Theresa A. de la Garza, Project Reviewer

For: Mark Wolfe, Chief Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer

MW/tg





**U.S. Customs and
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The Honorable Carlos Bullock
Chairman
Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
571 State Park Road 56
Livingston, TX 77351

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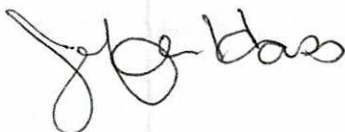
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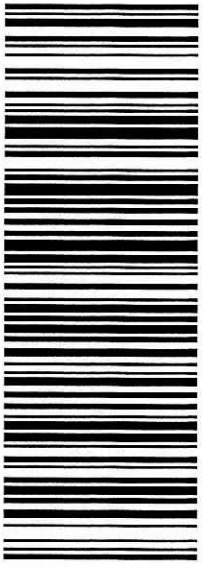
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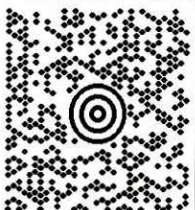

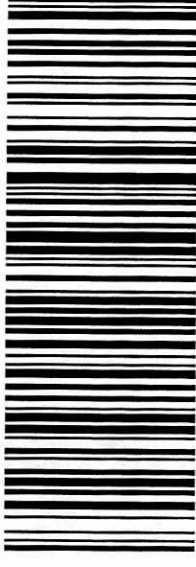

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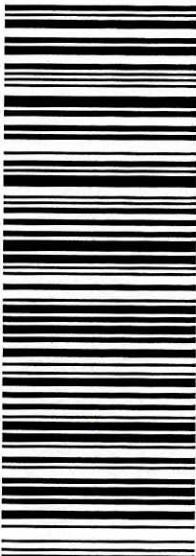

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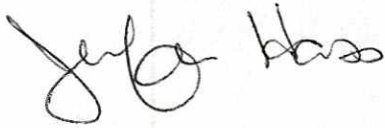
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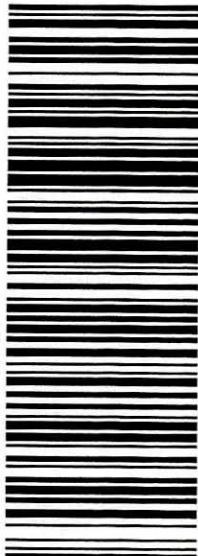

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Ms. Kathy Boydston

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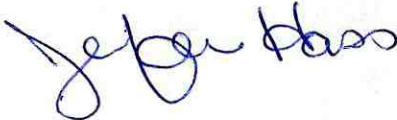
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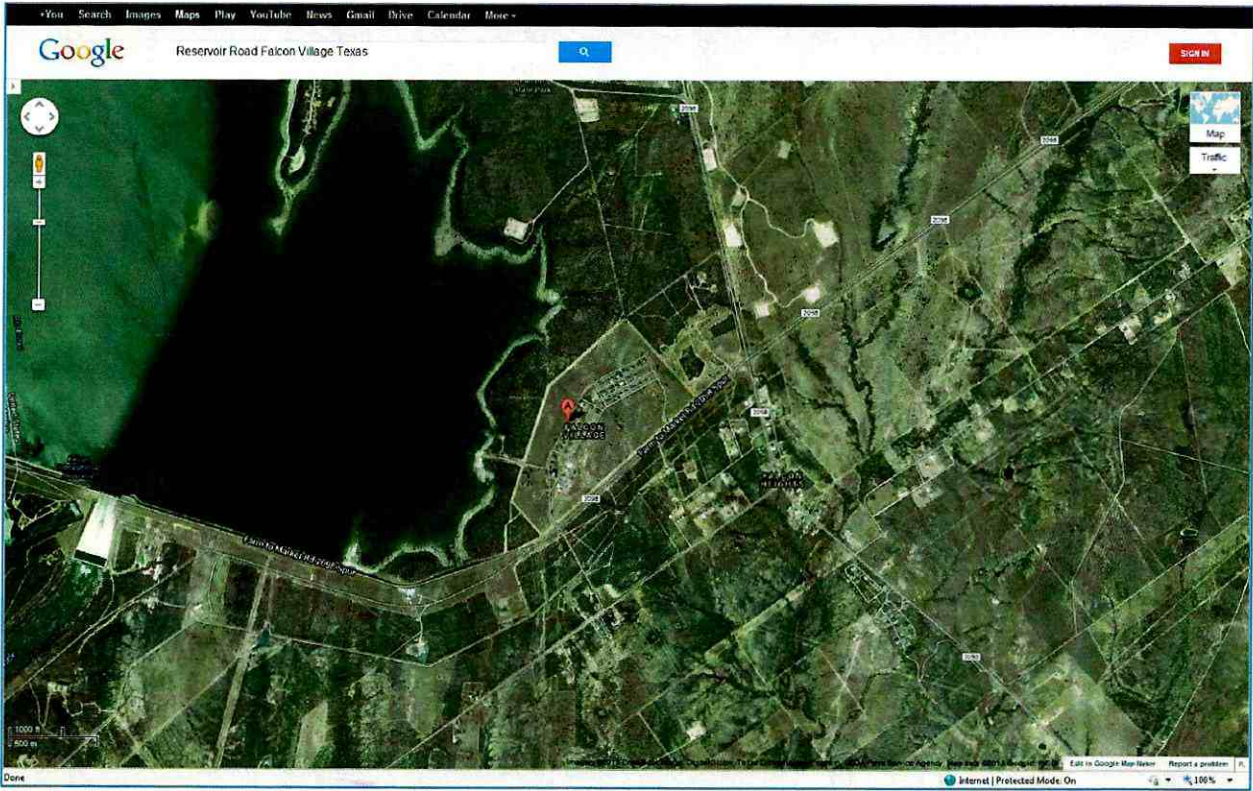


Figure 1. Location of Falcon Village on Google map.

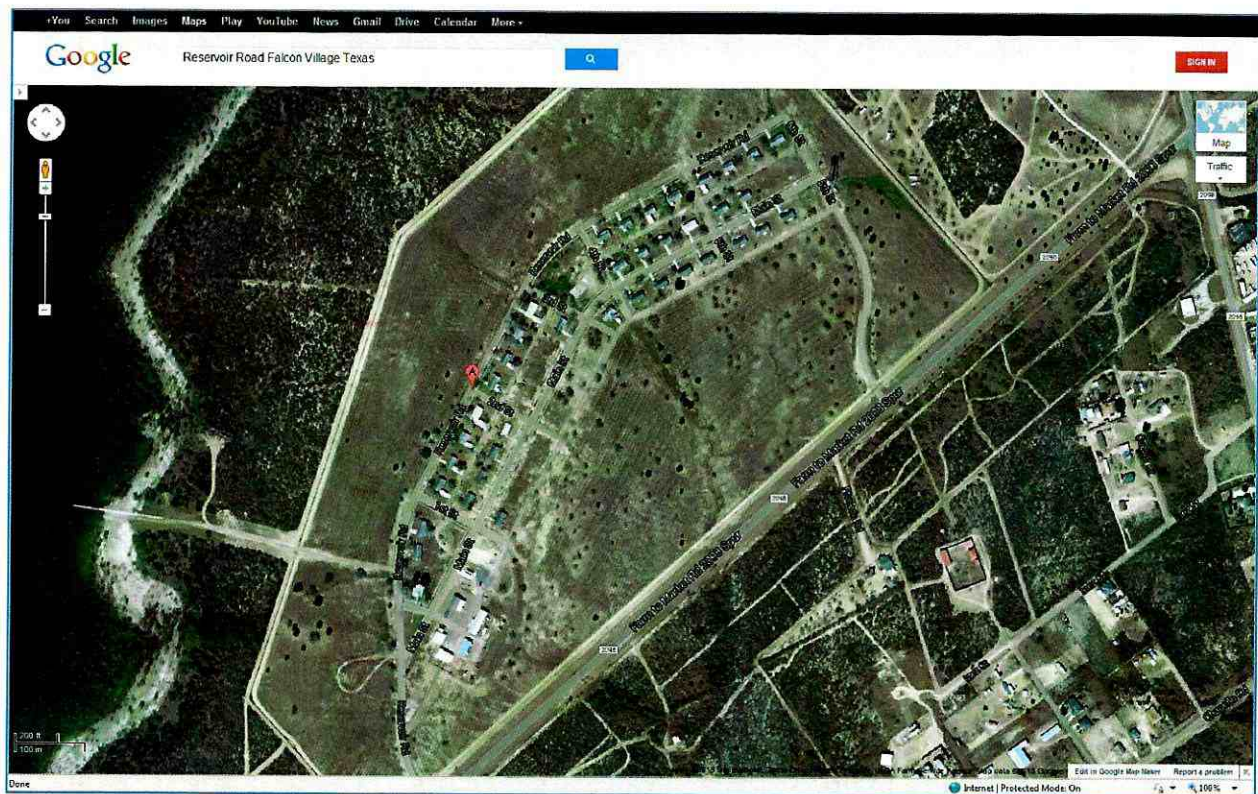


Figure 2. Falcon Village showing streetscape and houses on Google map.

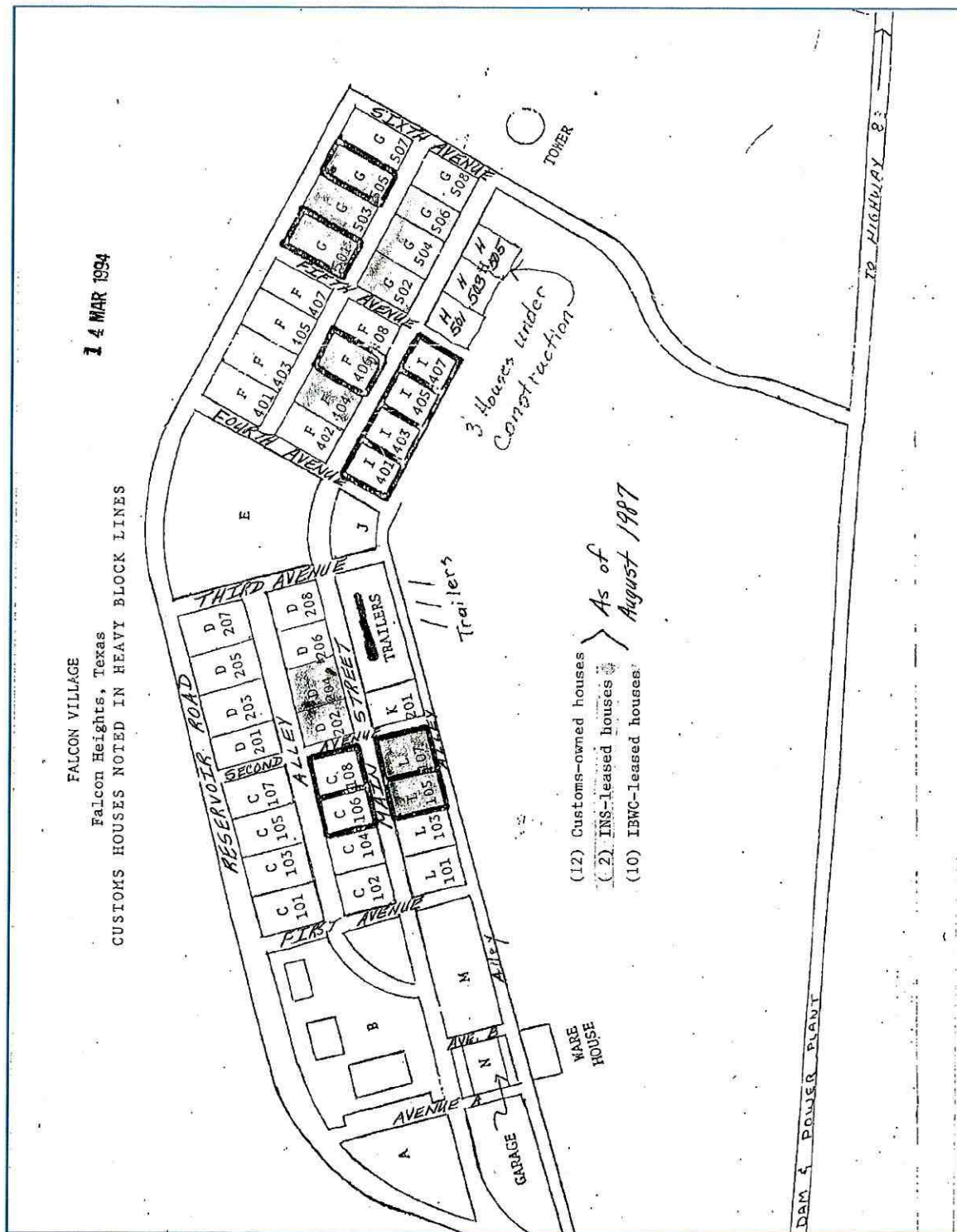


Figure 3. Housing scheduled for demolition as shown on 1987 map.

LIMITED BIOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT

of Eight (8) Residential Properties Located in Falcon Village,
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Introduction

This biological investigation report presents the results of a field reconnaissance conducted June 24 and 25, 2013 and a literature review for the potential occurrence of animal and plant species listed by the federal and/or state government as threatened and/or endangered, or their critical habitat. No federal or state listed plant or animal species were observed on the subject property, although habitat for the state-threatened Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*) and Texas indigo snake (*Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*) is present. It is recommended that if any of these easily identifiable lizards or snakes are seen during the demolition of the houses, all activity should cease and the lizard or snake be relocated to a preferred habitat away from the demolition activities. In addition two species of birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act have constructed nests in the abandoned houses, the cave swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) and an oriole (*Icterus sp.*). It is recommended that the proposed demolition be completed between September 15th and January 1st to avoid the migratory bird nesting season.

General Site Description

The subject property is located in both the northeast and southeast quadrants of Falcon Village, Texas quadrangle, Starr County, Texas (TX) approximately 2.0 miles east and approximately 2.5 miles north of the international boundary between the United States and Mexico. The site encompasses eight buildings (designated L-101, C-102, C-104, C-106, I-401, I-403, I-405, and I-407) to be demolished located between Reservoir and Dormitory Roads and 1st and 5th Avenues. The area covers approximately 5.4 acres and is centered at about 26° 33' 43.55" N latitude and 99° 8' 3.52" W longitude, at an approximate altitude of 338 feet above sea level. The subject property is residential, with yards and landscaping. The terrain is relatively flat, with dry scrubby vegetation. Grasses and landscape plants are present at the occupied homes and some landscaping is still present at the abandoned properties. No low or wet areas are present.

The average rainfall at Rio Grande City (the closest large city) is 21.6 inches. The average high temperature is 85.9 °F and the average low is 61.2 °F (US Climate Data)

The subject property is located in the Southern Texas Plains ecoregion (level III) of Texas (United States Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA). Within this ecoregion the subregion in which this property is located is the Texas-Tamaulipan Thornscrub (EPA, level IV). This ecoregion is a diverse ecoregion located where the eastern Chihuahuan Desert, Tamaulipan thornscrub and subtropical woodlands along the Rio Grande intersect with the western edge of the coastal grasslands. This area is commonly referred to as the "brush country" due to 300 years of fire suppression, grazing and drought which have decreased the grass coverage and increased the brush coverage of the land. Soils are varied: highly alkaline to slightly acidic, composed of sands, clays and/or clay loams. Caliche and gravel ridges are common. Rainfall peaks in both spring and fall and is erratic. Droughts are common. Vegetation is therefore mostly drought tolerant species with small leaves, and thorny. Common brush species found are honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), brasil (*Condalia hookeri*), lime pricklyash (*Zanthoxylum fagara*), Texas persimmon (*Diospyros texana* Scheele), lotebush (*Zizyphus*

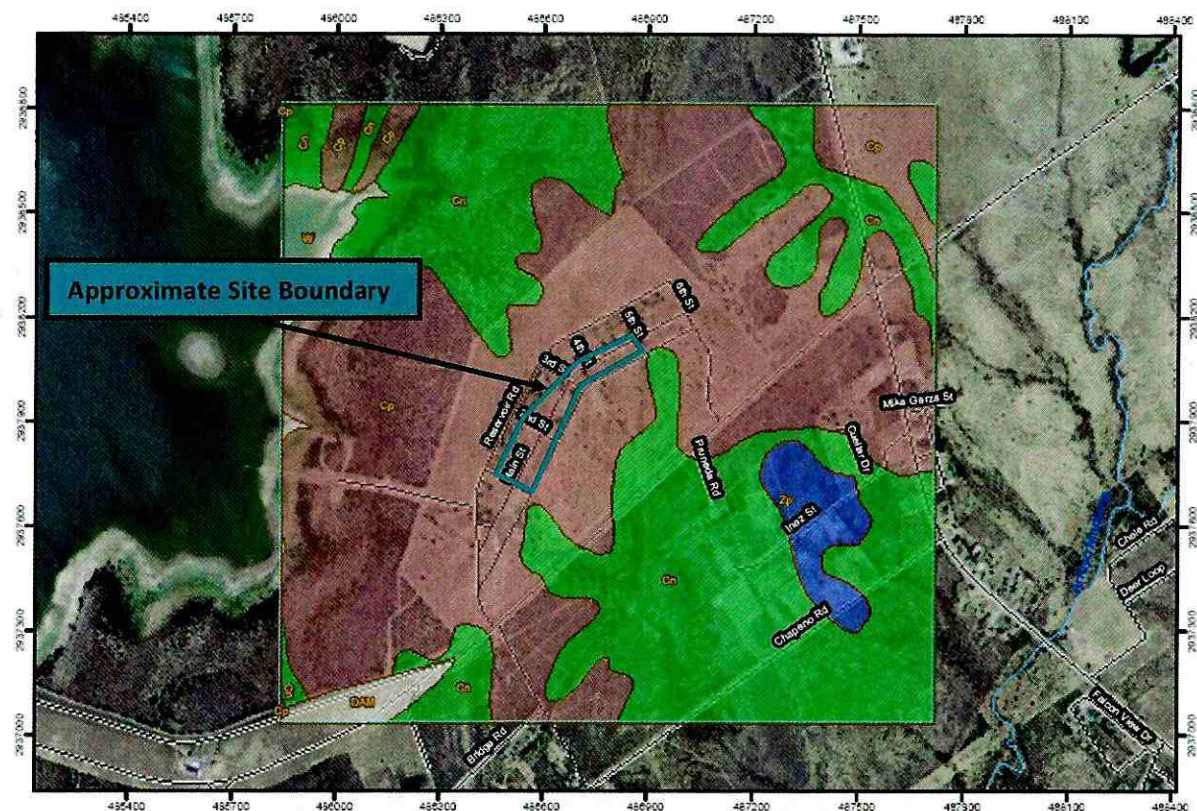
obtusifolia), spiny hackberry (*Celtis pallida*), Texas kidneywood (*Eysenhardtia texana*), coyotillo (*Karwinskia humboldtiana*), Texas paloverde (*Parkinsonia texana*), Texas wild olive (*Cordia boissieri*) and various cacti. Common grass species include sideoats grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*), pink pappusgrass (*Pappophorum bicolor*), bristlegasses (*Setaria spp.*), lovegrasses (*Eragrostis spp.*), tobosa (*Hilaria mutica*), cane bluestem (*Bothriochloa barbinodis*), silver bluestem (*Bothriochloa laguroides*) and triflowered Trichloris (*Trichloris pluriflora*). Ranching is the primary use of the land in this region, along with hunting and some cultivation.

The site is situated on a topographic high, sloping to the west, south and east to the Falcon Dam Reservoir and the Rio Grande. Specific descriptions of the site characteristics follow in the subsections below.

Site Geology and Soils

The site is relatively flat located on a locally high area, with land sloping down to the east, south and west to the Rio Grande and the reservoir (as determined from the contour intervals of the USGS Falcon Village Quadrangle Maps, 1965, 2012). The site visit confirmed the mapped topography is current. The property is mapped as being underlain by the Yegua Formation of the Claiborne Group (Eocene). This formation consists of "clay and sandstone; mostly clay, lignitic, sandy, bentonitic, silty, mostly well laminated, chocolate brown to reddish brown, lighter colored upward, produces dark-gray soil; sandstone, mostly quartz, some chert, fine grained, indurated to friable, calcareous, glauconitic, massive, laminated, crossbedded, weathers to loose, ferruginous, yellow-orange and reddish-brown soil; some fossil wood; thickness about 400 feet" (Geologic Atlas of Texas, McAllen - Brownsville Sheet, Bureau of Economic Geology, 1987) (USGS).

The soils are classified as rangeland by the National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS). Three soil series are mapped at and near the property: the Catarina Series surrounding the site, the Zapata Series east of the property and the Copita Series at the property (see NRCS soil classification map below). These soils are all rated non-hydric. The site soils are Copita Series. The Copita Series is rated "not limited" for burrowing mammals and reptiles, meaning these soils are suitable habitat for burrowers. Many burrows were observed on the site, evidencing the suitability of the soils for burrowing.



NRCS Soil Classification map – Cp-Copita Series. Cn-Caterina Series. Zp-Zapata Series. W-Water. DAM – Falcon Dam.

Site Flora

The subject property has been cleared with housing constructed on the site. The yards are mowed, but not too regularly. Sugarberry trees (*Celtis laevigata*) are growing and are by far the dominant tree species present throughout the property. Honey mesquite (*Prosopis glandulosa*), Texas ebony (*Ebenopsis ebano*), palm (Arecaceae family), crapemyrtle (*Lagerstroemia indica*), mimosa (*Albizia julibrissin*) and arborvitae (*Thuja occidentalis*) trees are also present on site. Shrubs present include white thorn acacia (*Acacia constricta*) and lotebush (*Zizyphus obtusifolia*). Several vine species are present: old man's beard (*Clematis drummondii*) and morning glory (*Ipomoea* species).

Some of the main herbs present are silverleaf nightshade (*Solanum eleagnifolium*), common ragweed (*Ambrosia artemisiifolia*), sunflowers (*Helianthus* sp.), common purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*), violet ruellia (*Ruellia nudiflora*), damianata (*Chrysactinia mexicana*), and sensitive plant (*Mimosa strigillosa*).

The most common grasses present are buffelgrass (*Chenchrus ciliaris*), Bermuda grass (*Cynodon dactylon*), Caucasian bluestem (*Bothriochloa bladhii*), Wright's beardgrass (*Bothriochloa wrightii*) and bulb panicgrass (*Zuloagaea bulbosa* a.k.a. *Panicum bulbosum*).

Site Fauna

Cave swallows (*Petrochelidon fulva*), a scissor-tailed flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*), mockingbirds (*Mimus polyglottos*) and red-bellied woodpeckers (*Melanerpes carolinus*) were all present on the date of the site visit. In addition, two types of nests were present on the eaves and carports of seven of the eight houses – cave swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) and oriole (*Icterus* species). Cave swallow nests were present on L101, C102, C104, C106, and I407. Oriole nests were present hanging from carport lights at I405 and I407. Note: both types of nests are present at I407. Only I403 is currently nest-free.

Also observed on the dates of the site visit were raccoons (*Procyon lotor*) and an eastern fence lizard (*Sceloporus undulatus*). Dead animals were present inside several of the houses, including a gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*), a mouse (family Muridae), an unidentified lizard, and a red-bellied woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*). Dead insects were also present inside the houses: American cockroaches (*Periplaneta americana*), crickets (2 different species, both family Gryllidae) and tarantulas (genus *Aphonopelma*), among others. Scat and feather piles were also observed in the houses – the above evidence indicates a cat (*Felis catus*) - or cats - has been using the houses to bring in kills for feasting or deposition. Outside, dead snails (2 species, bleached shells observed, class-Gastropoda), fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*), tarantulas (genus *Aphonopelma*), jumping spiders (family Salticidae), termite tubes (order Isoptera, now epifamily Termitoidae), a beetle (order Coleoptera), red harvester ants (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*), sulphur butterflies (sub-family Coliadinae), a giant swallowtail (*Papilio cresphontes*), black witch moths (*Ascalapha odorata*) and antlions (family Myrmeleontidae) were observed. In addition, both paper wasp (genus *Polistes*) and mud dauber wasp (*Sceliphron caementarium*) nests were observed on the houses. Neither of the nests appeared to be currently occupied. Photographs of soil, typical vegetation, flora and fauna, and animal traces present on the property follow the text.

Federal and State Listings

Federal agencies have classified rare plant and animal species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) according to their conservation status. The purpose of the act was to prevent these species from becoming extinct. These classifications include endangered, which means the species is in danger of becoming extinct throughout all or a significant portion of its range; threatened, which means the species is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future; candidate, which means the species has been studied and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has concluded that they should be proposed for addition to the endangered and threatened species lists; and proposed, which are those candidate species which are actively under review for listing. Threatened and endangered species are protected by the ESA (and subsequent legislation), which provides authority to acquire land for the conservation of listed species and authorizes grants to states that maintain active programs for endangered and threatened plants and animals as well as assigning penalties for violating the act, even allowing for rewards to be paid to persons reporting violators who are convicted of causing harm to these species. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service manages terrestrial and freshwater

species and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - National Marine Fisheries Service manages marine species.

Potential Federal or State Endangered or Threatened Species at the Subject Property

Thirty-six species are listed as threatened and/or endangered by either the federal government and/or the state of Texas in Starr County, Texas (Tables 1-7).

Table 1. Federal and State Listed Amphibian Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Black-spotted Newt (<i>Notophthalmus meridionalis</i>)	-	T	Arroyos, canals, ditches, shallow depressions; aestivates in the ground during dry periods	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Mexican Burrowing Toad (<i>Rhinophrynus dorsalis</i>)	-	T	Roadside ditches, temporary ponds, arroyos, loose friable soils for burrowing; generally underground	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Mexican Treefrog (<i>Smilisca baudinii</i>)	-	T	Subtropical region of extreme southern Texas, eggs laid in temporary rain pools; Riparian, herbaceous wetland, hardwood forest, savanna, suburban; can burrow in soil, also fallen logs and standing snags	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Sheep Frog (<i>Hypopachus variolosus</i>)	-	T	Grassland and savanna; moist sites in arid areas	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
South Texas Siren (large form) (<i>Siren sp 1</i>)	-	T	Arroyos, canals, ditches, shallow depressions; aestivates in the ground during dry periods	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
White-lipped Frog (<i>Leptodactylus fragilis</i>)	-	T	Grasslands, cultivated fields, roadside ditches, wide variety of other habitats; under rocks, in burrows, under clumps of grass	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

T -State Listed Threatened

Table 2. Federal and State Listed Avian Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
American Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>)	DL	T	Cliffs, outcrops, usually within the vicinity of a water feature	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl (<i>Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum</i>)	-	T	Riparian trees, brush, palm, and mesquite thickets; day – small caves and recesses on low hills	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Common Black Hawk (<i>Buteogallus anthracinus</i>)	-	T	Cottonwood-lined rivers and streams; willow tree groves on the lower Rio Grande floodplain	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Gray Hawk (<i>Asturina nitida</i>)	-	T	Riparian woodlands, semi-arid mesquite and scrub grasslands near riparian woodlands	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Interior Least Tern (<i>Sterna antillarum athalassos</i>)	LE	E	Riverine sand and gravel bars, beaches	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Northern Beardless-Tyrannulet (<i>Camptostoma imberbe</i>)	-	T	Mesquite woodlands; near Rio Grande – cottonwood, willow, elm and great leadtree	No	None. Very poor quality habitat.
Peregrine Falcon (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>)	DL	T	Cliffs, outcrops, usually within the vicinity of a water feature	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Rose-throated Becard (<i>Pachyramphus aglaiae</i>)	-	T	Riparian trees, woodlands, open forest, scrub and mangroves	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Spragues' Pipit (<i>Anthus spragueii</i>)	C	-	Native upland prairie, coastal grasslands, avoids edges. Migrant, only present mid-September to early April	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Tropical Parula (<i>Parula pitiayumi</i>)	-	T	Dense or open woods, undergrowth, brush, and trees along edges of rivers and resacas	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
White-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo albicaudatus</i>)	-	T	Prairies, mesquite and oak savannas, and mixed savanna-chaparral	No	None observed. potentially present in the area, but unlikely onsite.
Wood Stork (<i>Mycteria americana</i>)	-	T	Prairie ponds, flooded pastures or fields, ditches, other shallow standing water, roosts in tall snags	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Zone-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo albonotatus</i>)	-	T	Open arid country to forests, near watercourses	No	None observed; potentially present in the area, but unlikely onsite.

DL-Federally Delisted, T-State Listed Threatened, LE-Federally Listed Endangered, E-State Listed Endangered, C-Federal Candidate for Listing

Table 3. Federal and State Listed Fishes Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Rio Grande Silvery Minnow (<i>Hybognathus amarus</i>)	LE	E	Pools and backwaters of medium to large streams with low or moderate gradient in mud, sand or gravel bottom (extirpated)	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

LE-Federally Listed Endangered, E-State Listed Endangered

Table 4. Federal and State Listed Mammalian Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Coues' Rice Rat (<i>Oryzomys couesi</i>)	-	T	Cattail-bulrush marsh with shallower zone of aquatic grasses near the shoreline; shade trees near shoreline important	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Jaguarundi (<i>Puma yagouaroundi</i>)	LE	E	Thick brushlands, near water	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Ocelot (<i>Leopardus pardalis</i>)	LE	E	Dense chaparral thickets, mesquite-thorn scrub and live oak mottes, avoids open areas	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
White-nosed Coati (<i>Leptonycteris nivalis</i>)	-	T	Woodlands, riparian corridors and canyons, transient in TX	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

T-State Listed Threatened, LE-Federally Listed Endangered, E-State Listed Endangered

Table 5. Federal and State Listed Molluskan Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
False Spike Mussel (<i>Quadrula mitchelli</i>)	-	T	Medium to large rivers in substrates varying from mud through mixtures of sand, gravel and cobble; possibly extirpated	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Salina Mucket (<i>Potamilus metnecktayi</i>)	-	T	Moving waters, submerged soft sediment (clay, silt) along river bank in Rio Grande basin	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Texas Hornshell (<i>Popenaias popeii</i>)	C	T	Both ends of narrow shallow runs over bedrock, in areas where small-grained materials collect in crevices, along river banks, and at the base of boulders; Rio Grande basin	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

T-State Listed Threatened, LE-Federally Listed Endangered, E-State Listed Endangered

Table 6. Federal and State Listed Reptilian Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Northern Cat-eyed Snake (<i>Leptodeira septentrionalis septentrionalis</i>)	-	T	Thorn-brush woodland, dense thickets bordering ponds and streams, semi-arboreal	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Reticulate Collared Lizard (<i>Crotaphytus reticulatus</i>)	-	T	Open brush-grasslands; thorn-scrub vegetation, usually on well-drained rolling terrain of shallow gravel, caliche or sandy soils; scattered flat rocks below escarpments or isolated rock outcrops	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Texas Horned Lizard (<i>Phrynosoma cornutum</i>)	-	T	Sparsely vegetated (grass, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees) arid to semi-arid regions with soil suitable for burrowing	Yes	None observed. Species likely present in the area.
Texas Indigo Snake (<i>Drymarchon melanurus erebennus</i>)	-	T	Thornbush-chaparral woodlands, dense riparian corridors, moist micro-habitat (such as burrows), can do well in suburban environment	Yes	None observed. Species likely present in the area.
Texas Tortoise (<i>Gopherus berlandieri</i>)	-	T	Open brush with grass understory; open grass and bare ground avoided; occupies shallow depressions at base of bush or cactus, sometimes under objects or in burrows	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

T-State Listed Threatened

Table 7. Federal and State Listed Plant Species Occurring or Potentially Occurring in Starr County, Texas

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Ashy Dogweed (<i>Thymophylla tephroleuca</i>)	LE	E	Grasslands with scattered shrubs, on sands or sandy loams on level or very gently rolling topography over Eocene strata of the Laredo Formation	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

Common Name (Scientific Name)	Federal Status	State Status	General Habitat Description	Habitat Potentially Present?	Known Occurrence?
Johnston's Frankenia (<i>Frankenia johnstonii</i>)	LE-PDL	E	Dwarf shrublands on strongly saline, highly alkaline, calcareous or gypseous, clayey to sandy soils of valley flats or rocky slopes	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Star Cactus (<i>Astrophytum asterias</i>)	LE	E	Gravelly clays or loams on gentle slopes and flats in sparsely vegetated openings between shrub thickets within mesquite grasslands or mesquite-blackbrush thorn shrublands. Plants sink into the ground during dry periods.	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Walker's Manioc (<i>Manihot walkerae</i>)	LE	E	Periphery of native brush in sandy loam, possibly also on caliche cuestas	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.
Zapata bladderpod (<i>Physaria thamnophila</i>)	LE	E	Open thorn shrublands on shallow, well-drained sandy loams and sandstone outcrops of Eocene origin	No	None. No suitable habitat within site.

LE-Federally Listed Endangered, E-State Listed Endangered, PDL-Proposal for Delisting

Sources: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 2013; United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 2013; NatureServe, 2013.

Six are amphibian species, twelve are avian species, one is a fish, four are mammals, three are mollusks, five are reptiles and five are plants. There are also two federal candidate species.

The federally listed endangered species are the interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*), the Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*), the jaguarundi (*Puma yagouaroundi*), the ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*), ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*), Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*), star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*), Walker's manioc (*Manihot walkerae*) and Zapata bladderpod (*Physaria thamnophila*). The Rio Grande silvery minnow is thought to be extirpated in Texas. All nine of these species are also listed as endangered by the state of Texas. Johnston's frankenia is proposed for delisting federally.

No species is listed as threatened by the federal government. Species listed by the state of Texas as threatened are the black-spotted newt (*Notophthalmus meridionalis*), the Mexican burrowing toad (*Rhinophrynus dorsalis*), the Mexican treefrog (*Smilisca baudinii*), the sheep frog (*Hypopachus variolosus*), the south Texas siren (large form) (*Siren sp 1*), the white-lipped frog (*Leptodactylus fragilis*), the American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*), the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*), the common black hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*), the gray hawk (*Asturina nitida*), the northern beardless-tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*), the peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus*), the rose-throated becard (*Pachyrhamphus aglaiae*), the tropical parula (*Parula pitiaymī*), the white-tailed hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*), the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*), the zone-tailed hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*), the Coues' rice rat (*Oryzomys couesi*), the white-nosed coati (*Leptonycteris nivalis*), the false spike mussel (*Quadrula mitchelli*), the Salina mucket (*Potamilus metnecktayi*), the Texas hornshell (*Popenaias popeii*), the northern cat-eyed snake (*Leptodeira septentrionalis*), the reticulate collared lizard (*Crotaphytus reticulatus*), the Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*), the Texas indigo snake (*Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*) and the Texas tortoise (*Gopherus berlandieri*). The peregrine falcon/American peregrine falcon is delisted federally.

In addition to these species, the two species on the federal candidate species list are Sprague's pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) and the Texas hornshell (*Popenaias popeii*), which is also listed as threatened in Texas. None of the endangered, threatened, candidate or proposed species was observed on the subject property.

Amphibians

Habitat for the black-spotted newt (*Notophthalmus meridionalis*) and the south Texas siren (large form) (*Siren sp 1*) is arroyos, canals, ditches and shallow depressions; these species aestivate in the ground during dry periods. Habitat for the Mexican burrowing toad (*Rhinophrynus dorsalis*) is roadside ditches, temporary ponds, arroyos, and loose friable soils for burrowing – it is generally found underground. The Mexican treefrog (*Smilisca baudinii*) is found in the subtropical region of extreme southern Texas in riparian zones, herbaceous wetlands, hardwood forests, savannas, and suburban areas. It requires pools for egg-laying, can burrow in soil, and can also be found in fallen logs and in standing snags. The sheep frog (*Hypopachus variolosus*) is found in grasslands and savannas, in moist sites within arid areas. The white-lipped frog (*Leptodactylus fragilis*) is found in grasslands, cultivated fields, roadside ditches, and a wide variety of other habitats; under rocks, in burrows and under clumps of grass. The site is within a development of homes. It is very dry with no water sources (or low areas for holding rains) for any of these amphibians, and as such does not provide habitat for these species.

Birds

Habitat for American/peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum* and *Falco peregrinus*, respectively) includes cliffs or cliff-like structures near the coast or other bodies of water providing prey and is not present on the property. Habitat for the cactus ferruginous pygmy-owl (*Glaucidium brasilianum cactorum*) is riparian trees, brush, palm and mesquite thickets, and during the day it retreats to small caves and recesses on low hills. No such habitat exists on the subject property, as it is developed and open. The common black hawk (*Buteogallus anthracinus*) is found by cottonwood-lined rivers and streams or in willow tree groves on the floodplain. The property is not suitable habitat due to its distance from water and openness due to development. The gray hawk (*Asturina nitida*) habitat is riparian woodlands and semi-arid mesquite and scrub grasslands near riparian woodlands. There are no suitable woodlands onsite for the gray hawk. The interior least tern (*Sterna antillarum athalassos*) breeds along inland river systems, and could possibly breed along the Rio Grande system if suitable habitat is available. This property is not located close enough to breeding grounds along the Rio Grande for it to be suitable habitat for this bird. The interior least tern requires bare to sparsely vegetated river sand, shell or gravel bars or salt flats near shallow water with plentiful small fish with little to no human disturbance as its breeding habitat. The site is not suitable also due to it being a neighborhood with daily human disturbance. The northern beardless-tyrannulet (*Camptostoma imberbe*) prefers mesquite woodlands and, near the Rio Grande, areas with cottonwood, willow, elm and great leadtree. The site does not provide woodland habitat for this bird. Habitat for the rose-throated becard (*Pachyramphus aglaiae*) is riparian trees, woodlands,

open forest, scrub and mangroves. The site does not provide suitable habitat for this bird. Sprague's pipit (*Anthus spragueii*) winters in Texas and requires an extensive area of pastures, weedy fields or grasslands with dense herbaceous vegetation. Since this property is in the middle of a developed area with heavy human traffic, it would not be suitable for wintering of Sprague's pipit. The tropical parula (*Parula pitiayumi*) requires dense or open woods, undergrowth, brush and trees along edges of rivers and resacas (channels in the Rio Grande basin of southernmost Texas, which hold water). This property does not have preferred habitat for the tropical parula as the area is too clear and developed. The white-tailed hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) is found in prairies, mesquite and oak savannas, and mixed savanna and chaparral. The property does have a few mesquite trees in the yards, and theoretically the hawk could nest in the mesquite trees. No white-tailed hawks were observed on site. It is highly unlikely that white-tailed hawks would nest so close to human disturbance. Habitat for the wood stork (*Mycteria americana*) is prairie ponds, flooded pastures of fields, ditches, and other shallow standing water. It roosts in tall snags. This habitat is not present at the site. The zone-tailed hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) prefers open arid country to forests, near watercourses. None were observed on site, and they need tree thickets for nesting, which are not present onsite.

Fishes

Rio Grande silvery minnow (*Hybognathus amarus*) is a threatened species listed in Starr County, Texas requiring pools and backwaters of medium to large streams with low or moderate gradient in mud, sand or gravel bottoms. It is presumed extirpated in Texas. This means that they are no longer present in Texas, but are present elsewhere in the world, in contrast with extinct, which means a species is no longer found anywhere in the world. The site has no stream and is not suitable habitat for this fish.

Mammals

The habitat for Coues' rice rat (*Oryzomys couesi*) is cattail-bulrush marsh with a shallower zone of aquatic grasses near the shoreline with shade trees near the shoreline. This habitat is not present at the site. The jaguarundi (*Puma yagouaroundi*) prefers thick brushlands near water. The site is cleared and not suitable for this animal. The ocelot (*Leopardus pardalis*) habitat is dense chaparral thickets, mesquite-thorn scrub and live oak mottes. The ocelot avoids open areas, so the site (which is cleared with buildings) is not suitable habitat for this secretive animal. The white-nosed coati (*Leptonycteris nivalis*) prefers woodlands, riparian corridors and canyons and is known to be transient in TX. Since the site is cleared with buildings, this animal also would not likely be present.

Mollusks

There are three mollusk species potentially present in Starr County: false spike mussel (*Quadrula mitchelli*), salina mucket (*Potamilus metnecktayi*) and Texas hornshell (*Popenaias popeii*). All are listed as threatened by the state of Texas. The false spike mussel resides in medium to large rivers in substrates varying from mud through mixtures of sand, gravel and

cobbles; it is possibly extirpated. The salina mucket prefers moving waters and submerged soft sediment (clay, silt) along the river bank in Rio Grande basin. The Texas hornshell is found at either end of narrow shallow runs over bedrock in areas where small-grained materials collect in crevices, along river banks and at the base of boulders in the Rio Grande basin. Since there is no stream on site, this site is not suitable habitat for any of these species.

Reptiles

Five reptiles are listed as threatened by the state of Texas: the northern cat-eyed snake (*Leptodeira septentrionalis septentrionalis*), the reticulate collared lizard (*Crotaphytus reticulatus*), the Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*), the Texas indigo snake (*Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*) and the Texas tortoise (*Gopherus berlandieri*). The northern cat-eyed snake is semi-arboreal, found in thorn-brush woodlands and dense thickets bordering ponds and streams. This habitat is not present at the site. The reticulate collared lizard is found in open brush-grasslands with thorn-scrub vegetation, usually on well-drained rolling terrain of shallow gravel, caliche or sandy soils. It is also found on scattered flat rocks below escarpments or on isolated rock outcrops. This lizard does not prefer cleared land or buffelgrass, both of which are present on site. Although the site is located within the range of this lizard, it is not likely to be present due to the habitat alteration. The Texas horned lizard prefers open arid and semi-arid regions with sparse vegetation, including grass, cactus, scattered brush or scrubby trees with soil suitable for burrowing animals. The soils present on site are "not limited" for burrowing; thus the site has suitable soils for burrowing. Many burrows (not necessarily inhabited by this lizard) were observed on the date of the site visit. The vegetation is sparse at some locations; with some bare ground. Ant species observed were red harvester ant colonies (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*) and red fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*) which tend to eradicate harvester ant colonies (the Texas horned lizard's preferred prey). This property is presently suitable for the Texas horned lizard due to the abundance of its preferred food and the suitability of the soil for burrows. None were observed on the date of the site visit. The habitat of the Texas indigo snake is thornbush-chaparral woodlands, dense riparian corridors, a moist micro-habitat (such as burrows) and suburban environments. It is possible that it could be found here, although with the fear of snakes it is likely that if it were present one of the neighbors might destroy it due to its large size and their lack of knowledge of its propensity to eat rattlesnakes. The Texas tortoise is found in open brush with a grass understory; it avoids open grass and bare ground and occupies shallow depressions at the base of a bush or cactus, or is sometimes under objects or in burrows. They mowed yards of a developed area is not ideal habitat for the Texas tortoise. No snakes or tortoises of any species were observed on the date of the site visit.

Plants

Five plant species are listed as endangered by both the federal government and the state of Texas: ashy dogweed (*Thymophylla tephroleuca*), Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*), star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*), Walker's manioc, or manihot (*Manihot walkerae*) and Zapata bladderpod (*Physaria thamnophila*). None were observed on the date of the site visit. Ashy dogweed is found in grasslands with scattered shrubs, on sands or sandy loams on level or very

gently rolling topography over Eocene strata of the Laredo Formation. The site is mapped as the Yegua Formation, so this species likely is not present. Johnston's frankenia is found in dwarf shrublands on strongly saline, highly alkaline, calcareous or gypseous, clayey to sandy soils of valley flats or on rocky slopes. The Copita Series (soil present on site) is moderately alkaline and calcareous with up to 2% gypsum, and is sandy with clay (a loam). The site is not a valley flat but is slightly sloped. This plant was not found at the site; the habitat is marginal but it is possible it could be found there were the site not mowed regularly. The star cactus, very popular among cactus growers, has been hunted almost out of existence, although it is readily available from cactus growers. It is found on gravelly clays or loams on gentle slopes and flats in sparsely vegetated openings between shrub thickets within mesquite grasslands or mesquite-blackbrush thorn shrublands. Plants sink into the ground during dry periods. Overall, this site is probably too grassy and not gravelly or open enough for this cactus plant, although there are a few gravelly, open areas. Walker's manioc habitat is at the periphery of native brush in sandy loam, and possibly also on caliche cuevas. It was thought to be extirpated from the United States, but recently several plants were found on wildlife refuge tracts in Texas. Clearing and developing land, and conversion to rangeland are the main causes of habitat destruction for this plant. Since the site has been cleared and developed, it is not suitable habitat for this plant. The Zapata bladderpod is found in open thorn shrublands on shallow, well-drained sandy loams and sandstone outcrops of Eocene origin, often entangled in cactus clumps or small shrubs. Since the site is mowed, no shrubs or cactus clumps are present. If the site land were allowed to revert to nature and not disturbed, it is possible that this plant could survive at this location. Although native habitat in the general area of the site could support three of these plant species (Johnston's frankenia, star cactus and Zapata bladderpod), the constant human activity and mowing prevent the site from being suitable habitat for these species.

Summary and Conclusions

The result of the biological investigation revealed that no federal and/or state endangered and/or threatened species were observed at the subject property on the dates of the site visit. However, preferred habitat is present for the state-of-Texas-threatened Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*). In addition, it is possible that the state-of-Texas-threatened Texas indigo snake (*Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*) could be present at the site. No Texas horned lizards or Texas indigo snakes were seen on the dates of the site visit, but if any of these easily identifiable lizards or snakes are seen during the demolition of the houses it is recommended that all activity cease and the lizard or snake be relocated to a preferred habitat away from the demolition activities.

Two hawks, the white-tailed hawk (*Buteo albicaudatus*) and the zone-tailed hawk (*Buteo albonotatus*) are likely present in the area, but not on site due to the lack of nesting sites. No action is recommended pertaining to these birds.

Three plant species, Johnston's frankenia (*Frankenia johnstonii*), star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*) and Zapata bladderpod (*Physaria thamnophila*) are endangered at the federal and state levels and could possibly exist at the site, but only if both the site and its surrounding area were allowed to revert to native vegetation. This will not happen since the surrounding area is

currently a developed neighborhood. Therefore no action is recommended regarding these plant species.

The presence of the cave swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) and oriole (*Icterus sp.*) nests presents a complication to demolition, but only in the timing. It is illegal to destroy nests of these species if eggs or young are present (Migratory Bird Treaty Act). Therefore during nesting season the houses with nests cannot be demolished. This site is located within Region 2 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). USFWS administers the Migratory Bird Program. This program is responsible for maintaining healthy migratory bird populations through management and conservation. Permits may be required for nest removal, depending on the region of the Fish and Wildlife Service in which the nest is located. Region 2 of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service was contacted about the cave swallow and oriole nests and their official response was as follows (on Friday, June 28, 2013):

"Cave swallows in that area should be about done nesting for the season. A permit to remove them takes about 60 days to process, so they will most likely be gone before we could issue the permit. Once the nests are no longer active (no chicks or eggs) you are free to knock them down without a permit. If the demolition is not going to take place for several months, I would suggest your client knock all the nests down while they are not occupied and monitor them for nesting activity. Cave swallows in that area begin nesting in January. If that happens, they can be removed up until they become active. Cave swallows are colonial nesters, so if one nest in a group becomes active, the rest will very shortly thereafter. You will need to be vigilant in monitoring them, too, as they can build nests and lay eggs in a very short time."

It is recommended that the demolition be completed between September 15th and January 1st to avoid the migratory bird nesting season.

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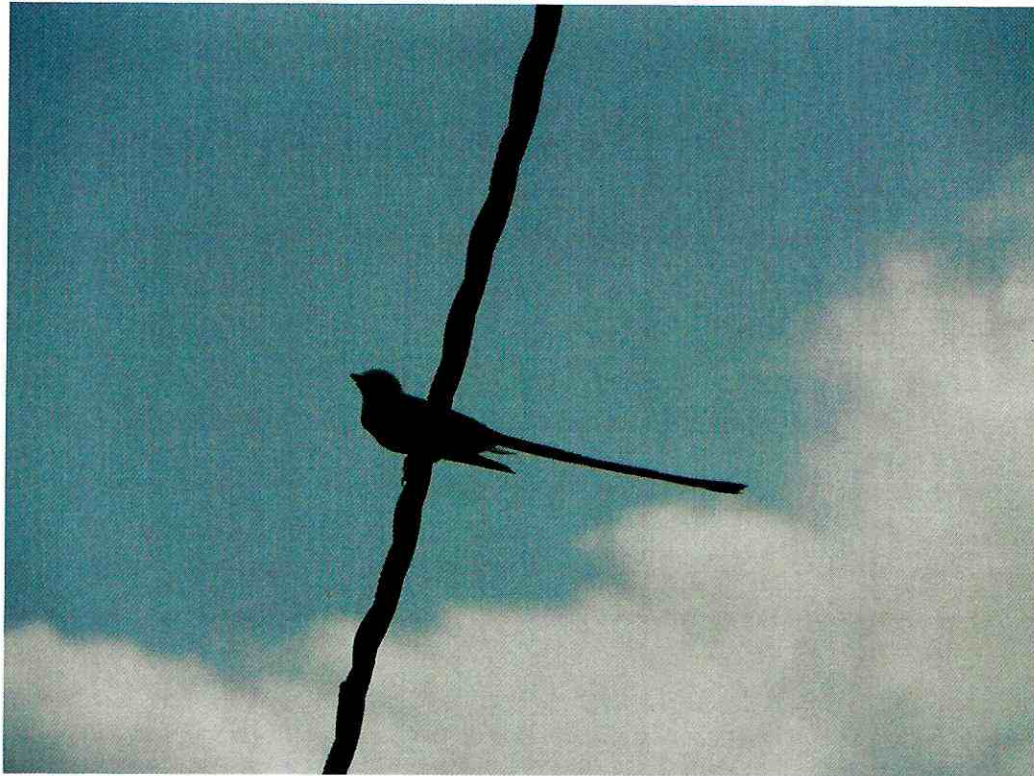
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Site Photographs



House and habitat at L101



Scissor-tailed flycatcher (*Tyrannus forficatus*) at L101



Cave swallow nest at L101



Cave swallows (*Petrochelidon fulva*) in flight at L101



Red harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*) nest at L101



C102 house and habitat



Small burrow at C102



One of the cave swallow nests at C102



Another cave swallow nest at C102, with male black witch moth (*Ascalapha odorata*)



Sugarberry (*Celtis laevigata*) at C102, C104 in background



Dead tarantula (*Aphonopelma* sp.) at C102



Feather remains in C102



C104 house and environs



Purslane (*Portulaca oleracea*), sensitive plant (*Mimosa strigillosa*) and shell (class-Gastropoda) at C104



C106 house and environs



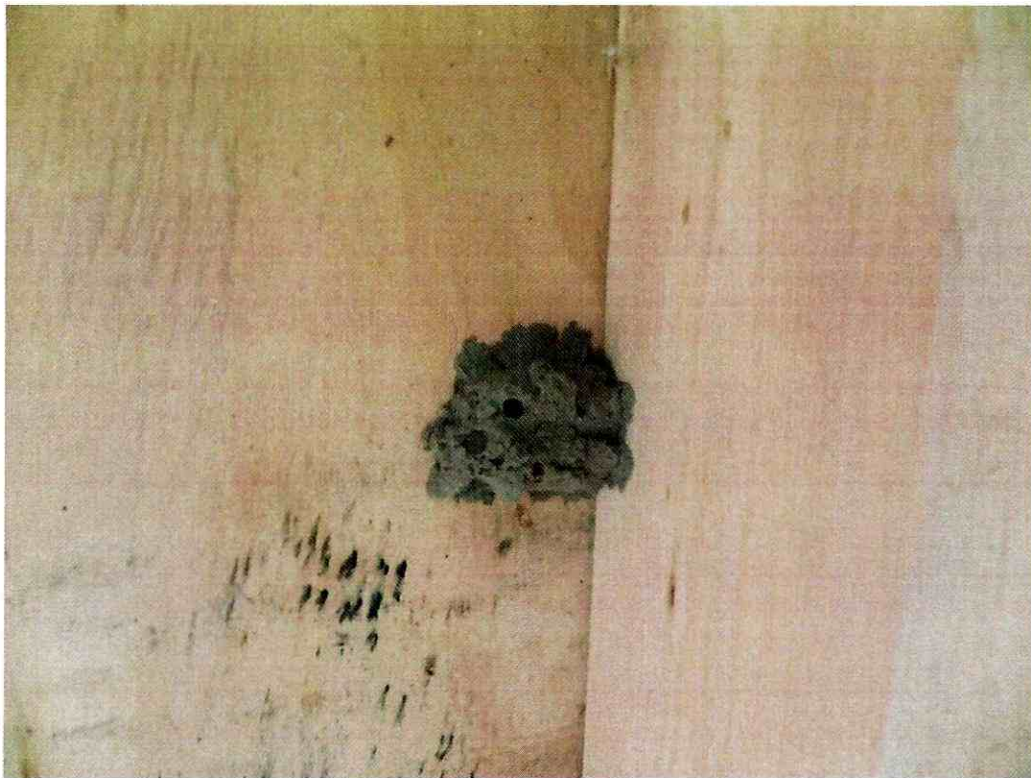
Red harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*) mound at C106



Cave swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) nests at C106



1401 house and environs. Mimosa saplings (*Albizia julibrissin*) near house out of reach of mower



Mud dauber (*Sceliphron caementarium*) nest at I401



I403 house and surroundings



Dead mouse (family Muridae) in I403



Cat (*Felis catus*) scat in I403



Burrows at I403



Red harvester ants (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*) at I405



Oriole nest (*Icterus* sp.) at I405



Fire ants (*Solenopsis invicta*) at I405



Dead red-bellied woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) in I405



I407 house and environs



Large burrow near curb at I407



Dead gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) in I407



Cave swallow (*Petrochelidon fulva*) nest built over oriole (*Icterus sp.*) nest at I407



Red harvester ants (*Pogonomyrmex barbatus*) at I407

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SEP 27 2013

Reference: Proposed Demolition of Housing Units at Falcon Village and Falcon Dam Land Port of Entry, Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas

Dear Ms. Boydston:

Pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), as amended by (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668-668d, 54 Stat. 250), the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 661-667d), and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management Directive 023-01, Environmental Planning Program, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the General Services Administration (GSA) are currently analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed demolition of eight (8) housing units within Falcon Village in Starr County, Texas (Figure 1 and 2). The houses are no longer occupied and are no longer required to support operations at the Falcon Dam Land Port of Entry (LPOE). The houses are located on Main Street in Falcon Village and include units I-401, I-403, I-405, I-407, C-102, C-104, C-106 and L-101 (Figure 3).

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Numerous State of Texas protected species are listed for Starr County, Texas; however, only the State threatened Texas horned lizard (*Phrynosoma cornutum*) and the State threatened Texas indigo snake (*Drymarchon melanurus erebennus*) have potential to occur at the site. No Texas horned lizards or Texas indigo snakes were observed during the June 2013 biological survey. If any of these species is observed in the project area during the demolition of the houses, it will be avoided and allowed to leave the area on its own. The full list of State listed protected species is included in the enclosed *Limited Biological Investigations Report*.

Ms. Kathy Boydston

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CBP will schedule demolition activities outside of active migratory birds nesting season, to the extent practicable. If demolition activities occur during the migratory bird nesting season, CBP would conduct surveys for active nests. Any active nests being used by migratory birds would be avoided until all chicks have fledged.

CBP respectfully requests that you review information contained in this letter and the enclosed *Limited Biological Investigations Report* and provide additional information if you believe that the proposed action could adversely affect protected species or resources.

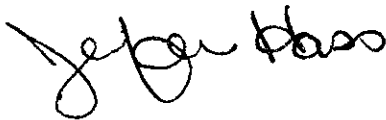
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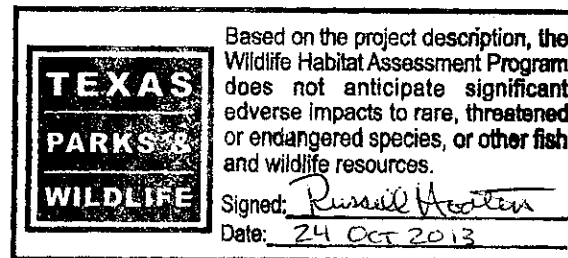
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure



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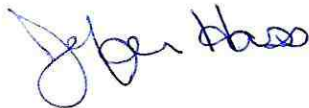
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This concludes the Section 7 consultation for the proposed action. Written correspondence may be sent to Dr. Bienenfeld by mail at the following address:

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Sincerely,

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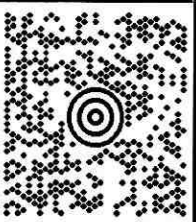

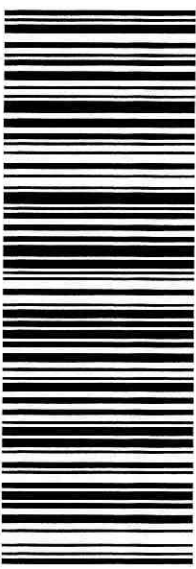

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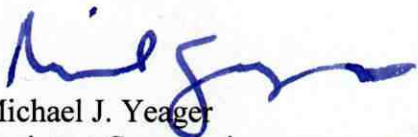
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Commissioner Alonzo Alvarez
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1204 N. Gladiator Blvd.
Roma, TX 78584

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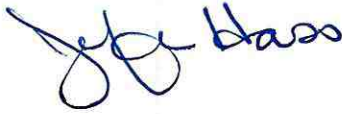
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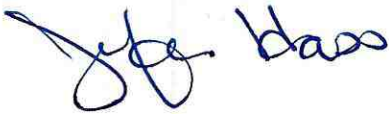
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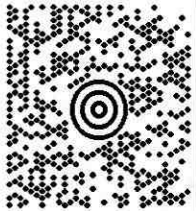

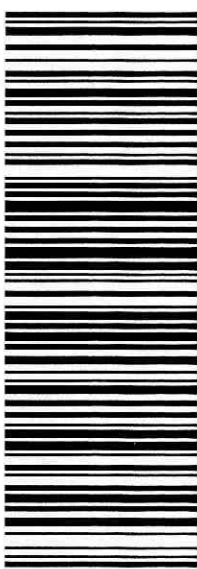

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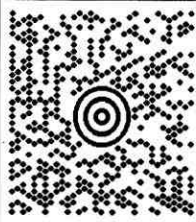

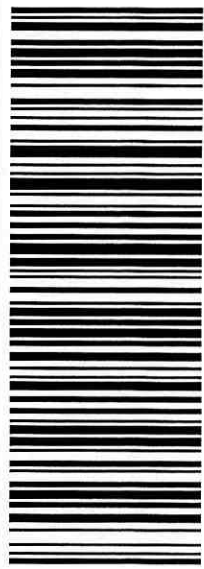

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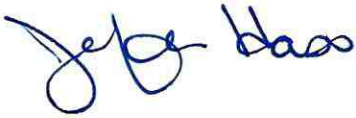
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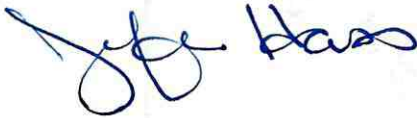
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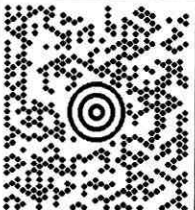

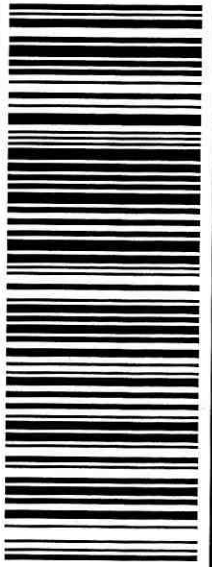

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Environmental Coordinator
Texas Department of Transportation, Pharr District
406 Falfurrias Highway
Hebbronville, TX 78361

Reference: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Demolition of U.S. Customs and Border Protection-Owned Housing at Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas

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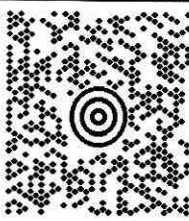

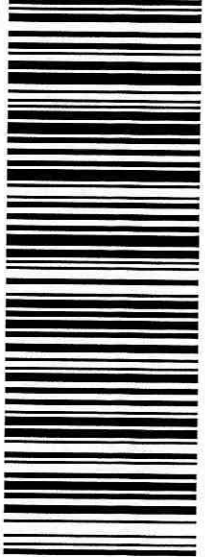

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The Honorable Eloy Vera
Starr County Judge
100 N. FM 3167
Rio Grande City, TX 78582

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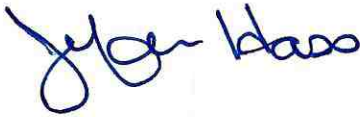
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Rio Grande Watermaster
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
1804 West Jefferson Ave.
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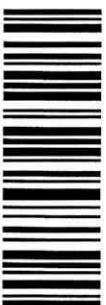
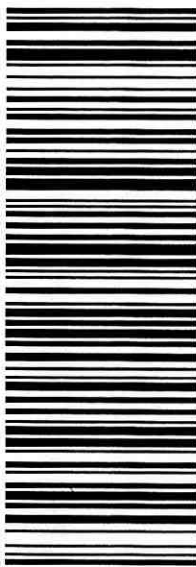

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Corpus Christi, TX 78412

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International Boundary and Water Commission
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El Paso, TX 79902

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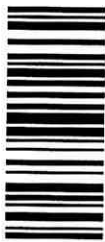
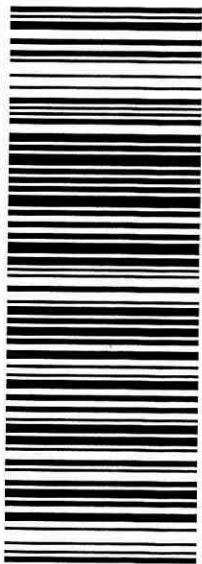
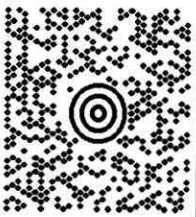

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United States House of Representatives
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Mr. Jaime A. Garza
Regional Director
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality - Region 15
1804 West Jefferson Avenue
Harlingen, TX 78550

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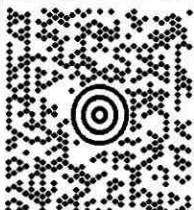

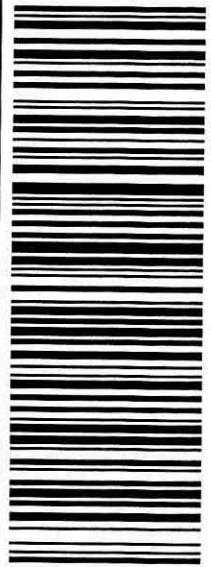

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The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
517 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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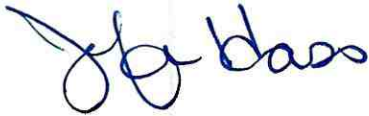
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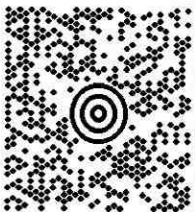

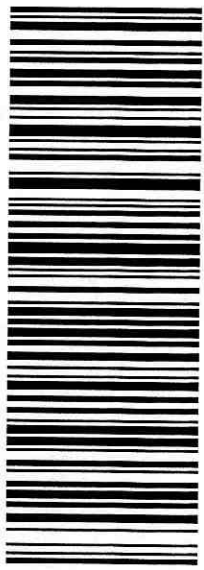

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Texas State Senator
1407 Washington Street
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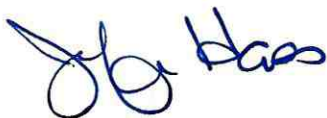
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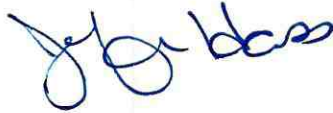
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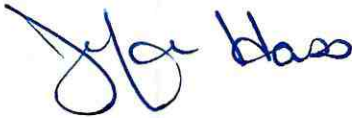
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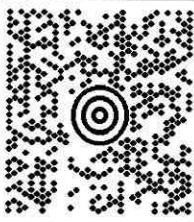
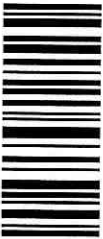
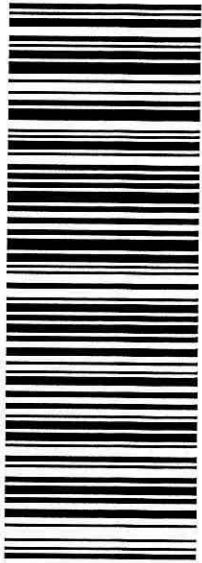

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Reference: Draft Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Demolition of U.S. Customs and Border Protection-Owned Housing at Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (40 CFR 1500) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Management Directive 023.1, *Environmental Planning Program*, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) conducted an Environmental Assessment (EA) of the potential environmental and socioeconomic effects associated with the proposed demolition of eight abandoned housing units at Falcon Village, Starr County, Texas.

A 30-day calendar-day review period (starting with the publication of the Notice of Availability), from November 25 to December 25, 2013 was established to provide all agencies, organizations, and individuals with the opportunity to comment on the Draft EA and Draft Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

A copy of the EA is available for review at the Starr County-Roma Public Library, 1705 North Athens Street, Roma, Texas, 78584, (956) 849-0072.

An electronic version of the Draft EA and Draft FONSI are available for your review and/or download at the following website: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/about/ec/nepa_pr/.

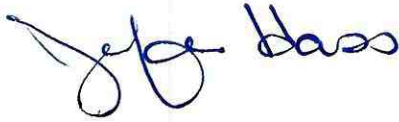
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Throughout this process, information may be obtained on the status and progress of the EA by contacting Dr. Paula Bienenfeld, Project Manager, at (202) 325-4234, or via e-mail at Paula.Bienenfeld@cbp.dhs.gov.

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Appendix C

Air and Noise Data and Calculations

Table B-1
Emission Quantification for Building Demolition

Type of Construction	Unit Size (m²)	Number of Units	PM₁₀ Emission Factor (kg/ m²)¹	PM₁₀ Emission Rate (tpy)²	PM_{2.5} Emission Rate (tpy)³
Demoilition	125.25	8	0.00025	0.0003	0.00004

Notes:

1. Fugitive Dust Background Document And Technical Information Document for Best Available Control Technologies WPA 450/2-92-004
2. PM Emission Rate (tpy) = PM Emission Factor (kg/square meter) * total square meters of units to be demolished
3. Ratio of PM10:PM2.5 is obtained from Cowherd and Kuykendal (1997)

Table B-2
Emission Quantification for Off-Road Construction Equipment

Equipment Type ²	Horsepower (hp)	Operating Parameters ¹				
		No. of Units	Hours Per Day	Days of project	Hours of Operation	Total hp-hr
Track Backhoe	150	1	9	15	135	20,250
Excavator	150	1	9	15	135	20,250
Water Truck	300	1	9	15	135	40,500
Wheel Loader	100	1	9	15	135	13,500
Bulldozer	130	1	9	15	135	17,550
Welding Equipment (truck)	300	1	9	30	270	81,000

¹ Operating Parameters are estimated using established construction cost-estimating methodologies (Ogershok, D. and R. Pray, *2010 National Construction Estimator*, 58th Edition, Craftsman Book Company, Carlsbad, California, 2009).

² Trucks are conservatively modeled as off-road mobile sources.

Equipment Type	Horsepower (hp)	Emission Factors ^{3, 4, 5}					
		NO _x (g/hp-hr)	CO (g/hp-hr)	VOC ⁶ (g/hp-hr)	SO ₂ (g/hp-hr)	PM ₁₀ (g/hp-hr)	PM _{2.5} (g/hp-hr)
Track Backhoe	150	2.6356	1.1034	0.2122	0.0097	0.2687	0.2606
Excavator	150	2.6356	1.1034	0.2122	0.0097	0.2687	0.2606
Water Truck	300	2.3284	0.9399	0.1600	0.0093	0.1560	0.1513
Wheel Loader	100	3.6776	3.2347	0.3218	0.011	0.4409	0.4277
Bulldozer	130	2.8263	1.1359	0.2280	0.0098	0.2711	0.2630
Welding Equipment (truck)	300	3.339	1.0713	0.2524	0.0098	0.213	0.2066

³ Emission factors were modeled using USEPA's NONROAD2008 Emission Factor Model utilizing 2012 as the inventory year.

⁴ Site specific temperature profiles for the NONROAD2008 model were obtained for Rio Grande City from usclimatedata.com obtained on May 6, 2013

⁵ A diesel fuel sulfur content of 32 ppm was utilized in the NONROAD2008 model based on 2013 data provided in USEPA, *Suggested Nationwide Average Fuel Properties*, EPA-420-B-09-018, April 2009.

⁶ VOC emission factors include both exhaust emissions and crankcase emissions.

Table B-2
Emission Quantification for Off-Road Construction Equipment

Equipment Type	Emission Rates					
	NO _x (TPY)	CO (TPY)	VOC (TPY)	SO ₂ (TPY)	PM ₁₀ (TPY)	PM _{2.5} (TPY)
Track Backhoe	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Excavator	0.06	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Water Truck	0.10	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01
Wheel Loader	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Bulldozer	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
Welding Equipment (truck)	0.30	0.10	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.02
TOTAL	0.63	0.26	0.05	0.00	0.05	0.05

Table B-3
Emission Quantification from On-Road Mobile Sources

Operational Assumptions ¹						
Equipment Type	Number of Vehicles	Trips per Year	Miles Per Trip	Total Miles Per Year		
Passenger Cars	5	30	60	9,000		
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs	10	30	30	9,000		
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs -utility	5	10	30	1,500		
Medium Delivery Truck	1	10	60	600		
Large 18-wheel Truck	2	25	60	3,000		

Emission Factors ^{2,3}						
Equipment Type	NO _x (g/mile)	CO (g/mile)	VOC (g/mile)	SO ₂ (g/hp-hr)	PM ₁₀ (g/mile)	PM _{2.5} (g/mile)
Passenger Cars	0.95	12.4	1.36	---	0.0052	0.0049
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs	1.22	15.7	1.61	---	0.0065	0.0060
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs -utility	1.22	15.7	1.61	---	0.0065	0.0060
Medium Delivery Truck	2.3284	0.9399	0.16	0.0093	0.1560	0.1513
Large 18-wheel Truck	3.6492	1.2529	0.2429	0.0093	0.1690	0.1639

Emission Rates						
Equipment Type	NO _x (TPY)	CO (TPY)	VOC (TPY)	SO ₂ (TPY)	PM ₁₀ (TPY)	PM _{2.5} (TPY)
Passenger Cars	0.009	0.123	0.013	---	0.000	0.000
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs	0.012	0.156	0.016	---	0.000	0.000
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs -utility	0.002	0.026	0.003	---	0.000	0.000
Medium Delivery Truck	0.002	0.001	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Large 18-wheel Truck	0.012	0.004	0.001	0.000	0.001	0.001
TOTAL	0.04	0.31	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00

¹ It is assumed that 15 construction personnel will make an average 60-mile round-trip (to and from Rio Grande City) each day of construction. It is

further assumed that the distribution of vehicles is split 1:2 between "passenger cars" and "pick-up trucks and SUVs".

² US Environmental Protection Agency. 2005. Emission Facts: Average Annual Emissions and Fuel Consumption for Gasoline-Fueled Passenger Cars and Light Trucks. EPA-420-F-05-022. August 2005.

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Large 18-wheel Truck	2	25	60	3,000

Equipment Type	Emission Factors^{2,3,4}					
	NO_x (g/mile)	CO (g/mile)	VOC (g/mile)	SO₂ (g/hp-hr)	PM₁₀ (g/mile)	PM_{2.5} (g/mile)
Passenger Cars	0.95	12.4	1.36	---	0.0052	0.0049
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs	1.22	15.7	1.61	---	0.0065	0.0060
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs -utility	1.22	15.7	1.61	---	0.0065	0.0060
Medium Delivery Truck	7.27	3.39	0.74	---	0.17	0.1649
Large 18-wheel Truck	7.45	3.52	0.78	---	0.17	0.1649

Equipment Type	Emission Rates					
	NO_x (TPY)	CO (TPY)	VOC (TPY)	SO₂ (TPY)	PM₁₀ (TPY)	PM_{2.5} (TPY)
Passenger Cars	0.009	0.123	0.013	---	0.0001	0.00005
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs	0.012	0.156	0.016	---	0.0001	0.0001
Pick-up Trucks and SUVs -utility	0.002	0.026	0.003	---	0.00001	0.00001
Medium Delivery Truck	0.005	0.002	0.0005	---	0.0001	0.0001
Large 18-wheel Truck	0.025	0.012	0.003	---	0.001	0.001
TOTAL	0.053	0.319	0.035	---	0.001	0.001

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³ US Federal Highway Administration. Assessing the Effects of Freight Movement on Air Quality at the National and Regional Level (Appendix B). April 2005.

⁴ PM_{2.5} Emission Factors for Medium Delivery Truck & Large 18-wheel Truck were estimated as 97% of the PM₁₀ Emission Factors in reference to US Environmental Protection Agency. Transportation Conformity Guidance for Quantitative Hot-spot Analyses in PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ Nonattainment and Maintenance Areas (Appendices). December 2010.

Emission Factors by Horsepower, SCC, and Pollutant

All Fuels

Grams/HP-Hour

Starr County

FALCON DAM

2013 (falcon)

Total for year: 2013

Date of Model Run: May 06 14:49:05: 2013

Today's Date: 5/6/2013

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
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Diesel										
Construction and Mining Equipment										
2270002003		Pavers	Diesel							
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4530	4.4536	2.4804	0.3573	0.0117	594.7122	0.0009
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2599	4.4182	1.5086	0.2451	0.0111	595.3282	0.0005
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2599	4.4182	1.5086	0.2451	0.0111	595.3282	0.0005
			50 < HP <= 75	0.2982	3.8025	2.9077	0.3392	0.0113	595.2060	0.0040
			75 < HP <= 100	0.2966	3.5569	3.1722	0.4233	0.0110	595.2114	0.0054
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2384	3.0078	1.1788	0.2748	0.0099	536.0705	0.0042
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2111	2.7615	0.8956	0.1793	0.0096	536.1575	0.0034
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1991	3.5082	1.4089	0.1998	0.0098	536.1959	0.0034
2270002006		Tampers/Rammers	Diesel							
			3 < HP <= 6	0.7206	5.2108	4.5247	0.5400	0.0115	588.0706	0.0091
2270002009		Plate Compactors	Diesel							
			3 < HP <= 6	0.7054	5.1234	4.5113	0.5292	0.0115	588.1191	0.0086
			6 < HP <= 11	0.7054	5.1234	4.5113	0.5292	0.0115	588.1191	0.0086

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
2270002015	Rollers	Diesel	11 < HP <= 16	0.5825	4.9028	2.6551	0.4019	0.0115	588.5111	0.0072
			16 < HP <= 25	0.5825	4.9028	2.6551	0.4019	0.0115	588.5112	0.0072
			3 < HP <= 6	0.5705	4.3325	4.7427	0.4002	0.0117	594.3375	0.0015
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5705	4.3325	4.7427	0.4002	0.0117	594.3375	0.0015
			11 < HP <= 16	0.4550	4.4529	2.5086	0.3576	0.0117	594.7059	0.0011
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4550	4.4529	2.5086	0.3576	0.0117	594.7058	0.0011
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2627	4.4289	1.5412	0.2532	0.0111	595.3192	0.0007
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2627	4.4289	1.5412	0.2532	0.0111	595.3192	0.0007
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3176	3.9069	2.9859	0.3629	0.0113	595.1441	0.0045
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3161	3.6783	3.2348	0.4410	0.0110	595.1491	0.0058
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2484	3.1324	1.2162	0.2785	0.0099	536.0387	0.0044
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2201	2.8896	0.9321	0.1857	0.0096	536.1290	0.0036
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2088	3.6665	1.4889	0.2098	0.0099	536.1651	0.0036
2270002018	Scrapers	Diesel	50 < HP <= 75	0.2781	3.6888	2.8091	0.3179	0.0113	595.2703	0.0034
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2262	2.8543	1.1421	0.2715	0.0098	536.1094	0.0039
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2005	2.6041	0.8602	0.1723	0.0095	536.1914	0.0031
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1859	3.2637	1.2873	0.1862	0.0098	536.2379	0.0031
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1769	3.2806	1.7807	0.1937	0.0098	536.2666	0.0029
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.2977	4.6283	1.5452	0.2192	0.0098	535.8814	0.0046
2270002021	Paving Equipment	Diesel	3 < HP <= 6	0.5854	4.3604	4.9837	0.4513	0.0117	594.2899	0.0030
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5854	4.3604	4.9837	0.4513	0.0117	594.2899	0.0030

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			11 < HP <= 16	0.4642	4.4479	2.6566	0.3664	0.0117	594.6767	0.0023
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4642	4.4479	2.6566	0.3664	0.0117	594.6766	0.0023
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2736	4.4556	1.6853	0.2931	0.0112	595.2846	0.0015
			40 < HP <= 50	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3660	4.1494	3.1773	0.4182	0.0114	594.9896	0.0057
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3648	3.9552	3.3901	0.4834	0.0111	594.9936	0.0069
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2739	3.5054	1.3330	0.2926	0.0100	535.9571	0.0050
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2439	3.2724	1.0499	0.2085	0.0098	536.0528	0.0042
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2608	4.2067	1.8788	0.2607	0.0100	535.9989	0.0047
2270002024		Surfacing Equipment	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5983	4.3991	5.1343	0.4836	0.0117	594.2487	0.0040
			11 < HP <= 16	0.4749	4.4609	2.7649	0.3761	0.0117	594.6423	0.0031
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			300 < HP <= 600	0.2956	4.5008	2.1132	0.2937	0.0100	535.8879	0.0055
			600 < HP <= 750	0.2817	4.4954	2.4674	0.3019	0.0100	535.9322	0.0052
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.4294	5.7093	2.5248	0.3475	0.0100	535.4613	0.0076
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.4294	5.7093	2.5248	0.3475	0.0100	535.4614	0.0076
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.4294	5.7093	2.5248	0.3475	0.0100	535.4613	0.0076

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Horsepower	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
2270002027		Signal Boards/Light Plants	Diesel								
				3 < HP <= 6	0.6729	4.9419	4.4845	0.5062	0.0115	588.2227	0.0074
				6 < HP <= 11	0.6729	4.9419	4.4845	0.5062	0.0115	588.2228	0.0074
				11 < HP <= 16	0.5495	4.7959	2.5715	0.3850	0.0115	588.6166	0.0062
				16 < HP <= 25	0.5495	4.7959	2.5715	0.3850	0.0115	588.6166	0.0062
				25 < HP <= 40	0.3621	4.7224	1.7354	0.3397	0.0112	589.2140	0.0045
				40 < HP <= 50	0.3621	4.7224	1.7354	0.3397	0.0112	589.2141	0.0045
				50 < HP <= 75	0.5145	5.0204	2.7860	0.4809	0.0114	588.7281	0.0092
				75 < HP <= 100	0.5116	4.8611	2.6608	0.4919	0.0112	588.7374	0.0099
				100 < HP <= 175	0.3704	4.6933	1.3630	0.2910	0.0100	529.8615	0.0071
				175 < HP <= 300	0.3360	4.4361	1.1598	0.2376	0.0099	529.9713	0.0063
2270002030		Trenchers	Diesel								
				3 < HP <= 6	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
				6 < HP <= 11	0.5910	4.3713	5.0804	0.4723	0.0117	594.2721	0.0036
				11 < HP <= 16	0.4684	4.4486	2.7177	0.3719	0.0117	594.6630	0.0028
				16 < HP <= 25	0.4684	4.4486	2.7177	0.3719	0.0117	594.6630	0.0028
				25 < HP <= 40	0.2774	4.4632	1.7384	0.3084	0.0112	595.2725	0.0018
				40 < HP <= 50	0.2774	4.4632	1.7384	0.3084	0.0112	595.2725	0.0018
				50 < HP <= 75	0.3795	4.2157	3.2313	0.4336	0.0114	594.9469	0.0061
				75 < HP <= 100	0.3782	4.0300	3.4348	0.4956	0.0111	594.9507	0.0071
				100 < HP <= 175	0.2813	3.6094	1.3701	0.2974	0.0100	535.9336	0.0052
				175 < HP <= 300	0.2509	3.3789	1.0874	0.2155	0.0098	536.0304	0.0044
				300 < HP <= 600	0.2800	4.3109	1.9854	0.2760	0.0100	535.9376	0.0051
				600 < HP <= 750	0.2658	4.3059	2.3536	0.2845	0.0100	535.9831	0.0049
				1200 < HP <= 2000	0.4175	5.5599	2.4095	0.3317	0.0100	535.4991	0.0074

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
			Horsepower							
2270002033		Bore/Drill Rigs	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	0.7170	5.1899	4.5215	0.5374	0.0115	588.0821	0.0090
			11 < HP <= 16	0.5960	4.9460	2.6890	0.4090	0.0115	588.4681	0.0076
			16 < HP <= 25	0.5960	4.9460	2.6890	0.4090	0.0115	588.4681	0.0076
			25 < HP <= 40	0.4114	4.8131	1.8727	0.3640	0.0113	589.0571	0.0058
			40 < HP <= 50	0.4114	4.8131	1.8727	0.3640	0.0113	589.0571	0.0058
			50 < HP <= 75	0.5531	5.4009	2.8992	0.5126	0.0114	588.6051	0.0101
			75 < HP <= 100	0.5504	5.2576	2.7868	0.5225	0.0112	588.6135	0.0107
			100 < HP <= 175	0.4010	5.1939	1.5473	0.3157	0.0101	529.7637	0.0077
			175 < HP <= 300	0.3688	4.9544	1.3594	0.2675	0.0099	529.8665	0.0070
			300 < HP <= 600	0.3368	5.1471	1.5848	0.2503	0.0100	529.9687	0.0064
			600 < HP <= 750	0.3260	5.1397	1.7919	0.2562	0.0100	530.0030	0.0061
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.4539	6.3431	1.8200	0.2936	0.0099	529.5950	0.0082
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.4539	6.3431	1.8200	0.2936	0.0099	529.5951	0.0082
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.4539	6.3431	1.8200	0.2936	0.0099	529.5951	0.0082
2270002036		Excavators	Diesel							
			3 < HP <= 6	0.5609	4.3164	4.5846	0.3665	0.0117	594.3682	0.0003
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5609	4.3164	4.5846	0.3665	0.0117	594.3682	0.0003
			11 < HP <= 16	0.4486	4.4571	2.4096	0.3548	0.0117	594.7264	0.0003
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4486	4.4571	2.4096	0.3548	0.0117	594.7264	0.0003
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2489	4.3293	1.3804	0.2165	0.0109	595.3634	0.0002
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2489	4.3293	1.3804	0.2165	0.0109	595.3634	0.0002
			50 < HP <= 75	0.2507	3.5200	2.6646	0.2897	0.0112	595.3575	0.0026
			75 < HP <= 100	0.2485	3.2090	2.9886	0.3979	0.0108	595.3646	0.0043
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2087	2.6356	1.1034	0.2687	0.0097	536.1653	0.0035

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			175 < HP <= 300	0.1854	2.3793	0.8115	0.1626	0.0093	536.2394	0.0027
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1711	2.9370	1.1441	0.1729	0.0097	536.2851	0.0027
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1650	2.9327	1.6597	0.1776	0.0097	536.3046	0.0025
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.2748	4.3232	1.4096	0.2004	0.0097	535.9545	0.0039
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.2748	4.3232	1.4096	0.2004	0.0097	535.9544	0.0039
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.2748	4.3232	1.4096	0.2004	0.0097	535.9546	0.0039
			2000 < HP <= 3000	0.2748	4.3232	1.4096	0.2004	0.0097	535.9545	0.0039
2270002039		Concrete/Industrial Saws	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5931	4.3785	5.0999	0.4763	0.0117	594.2653	0.0037
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4702	4.4511	2.7329	0.3729	0.0117	594.6575	0.0029
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2786	4.4654	1.7506	0.3112	0.0112	595.2686	0.0018
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2786	4.4654	1.7506	0.3112	0.0112	595.2686	0.0018
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3843	4.2402	3.2521	0.4386	0.0114	594.9313	0.0062
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3832	4.0575	3.4533	0.4997	0.0111	594.9349	0.0072
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2842	3.6461	1.3881	0.2993	0.0100	535.9244	0.0053
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2537	3.4167	1.1056	0.2182	0.0098	536.0217	0.0045
2270002042		Cement & Mortar Mixers	Diesel							
			3 < HP <= 6	0.9551	6.6039	4.8107	0.7285	0.0115	587.3227	0.0155
			6 < HP <= 11	0.9551	6.6039	4.8107	0.7285	0.0115	587.3226	0.0155
			11 < HP <= 16	0.9199	5.9748	3.5151	0.5996	0.0115	587.4349	0.0155
			16 < HP <= 25	0.9199	5.9748	3.5151	0.5996	0.0115	587.4350	0.0155
			25 < HP <= 40	0.7847	5.3905	2.8642	0.5211	0.0113	587.8661	0.0141
			40 < HP <= 50	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			50 < HP <= 75	0.5689	5.5205	2.8814	0.4842	0.0114	588.5544	0.0104
			75 < HP <= 100	0.5665	5.3845	2.7753	0.4932	0.0112	588.5624	0.0111

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
2270002045	Cranes	Diesel	100 < HP <= 175	0.4161	5.3620	1.5936	0.3033	0.0101	529.7158	0.0081
			175 < HP <= 300	0.3853	5.1321	1.4179	0.2600	0.0100	529.8142	0.0073
			300 < HP <= 600	0.3336	5.1242	1.5303	0.2245	0.0100	529.9789	0.0063
			600 < HP <= 750	0.3228	5.1165	1.7351	0.2299	0.0100	530.0133	0.0061
			16 < HP <= 25	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2635	4.4687	1.4344	0.2453	0.0110	589.5289	0.0008
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2635	4.4687	1.4344	0.2453	0.0110	589.5289	0.0008
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3209	4.0984	2.3493	0.3199	0.0112	589.3457	0.0046
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3161	3.8351	2.1413	0.3391	0.0109	589.3611	0.0058
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2457	3.2751	0.8130	0.2039	0.0098	530.2593	0.0044
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2178	3.0207	0.6286	0.1350	0.0096	530.3481	0.0036
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2134	3.9167	0.9994	0.1622	0.0098	530.3624	0.0037
			600 < HP <= 750	0.2016	3.9158	1.2798	0.1703	0.0098	530.4001	0.0035
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.3476	5.4063	1.2659	0.2169	0.0098	529.9341	0.0058
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.3476	5.4063	1.2659	0.2169	0.0098	529.9342	0.0058
2270002048	Graders	Diesel	25 < HP <= 40	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2536	4.3764	1.4365	0.2283	0.0110	595.3482	0.0003
			50 < HP <= 75	0.2704	3.6446	2.7735	0.3100	0.0113	595.2949	0.0032
			75 < HP <= 100	0.2685	3.3663	3.0705	0.4066	0.0109	595.3008	0.0047
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2220	2.7975	1.1318	0.2709	0.0098	536.1229	0.0038
			175 < HP <= 300	0.1969	2.5464	0.8495	0.1700	0.0094	536.2028	0.0030
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1808	3.1686	1.2414	0.1820	0.0097	536.2542	0.0029
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1727	3.1854	1.7461	0.1890	0.0097	536.2799	0.0028

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
2270002051		Off-highway Trucks	Diesel							
		100 < HP <= 175		0.1773	2.2269	0.9670	0.2452	0.0094	536.2654	0.0025
		175 < HP <= 300		0.1626	1.9845	0.6305	0.1258	0.0088	536.3123	0.0018
		300 < HP <= 600		0.1579	2.3284	0.9399	0.1560	0.0093	536.3274	0.0021
		600 < HP <= 750		0.1561	2.3475	1.4468	0.1576	0.0093	536.3332	0.0021
		750 < HP <= 1000		0.2403	3.6492	1.2529	0.1690	0.0093	536.0646	0.0026
		1000 < HP <= 1200		0.2403	3.6492	1.2529	0.1690	0.0093	536.0645	0.0026
		1200 < HP <= 2000		0.2403	3.6492	1.2529	0.1690	0.0093	536.0646	0.0026
		2000 < HP <= 3000		0.2403	3.6492	1.2529	0.1690	0.0093	536.0646	0.0026
2270002054		Crushing/Proc. Equipment	Diesel							
		16 < HP <= 25		0.4547	4.4862	2.3623	0.3471	0.0115	588.9188	0.0017
		25 < HP <= 40		0.2656	4.4855	1.4469	0.2558	0.0110	589.5222	0.0011
		40 < HP <= 50		0.2656	4.4855	1.4469	0.2558	0.0110	589.5223	0.0011
		50 < HP <= 75		0.3307	4.1593	2.3634	0.3291	0.0112	589.3142	0.0049
		75 < HP <= 100		0.3261	3.9057	2.1633	0.3476	0.0109	589.3290	0.0060
		100 < HP <= 175		0.2509	3.3681	0.8277	0.2074	0.0098	530.2427	0.0045
		175 < HP <= 300		0.2229	3.1183	0.6445	0.1397	0.0096	530.3321	0.0037
		300 < HP <= 600		0.2213	4.0225	1.0713	0.1685	0.0098	530.3371	0.0039
		600 < HP <= 750		0.2090	4.0191	1.3445	0.1768	0.0098	530.3764	0.0037
		750 < HP <= 1000		0.3596	5.5094	1.3560	0.2259	0.0098	529.8959	0.0061
2270002057		Rough Terrain Forklifts	Diesel							
		11 < HP <= 16		0.4609	4.4457	2.6189	0.3645	0.0117	594.6870	0.0020
		16 < HP <= 25		0.4609	4.4457	2.6189	0.3645	0.0117	594.6869	0.0020
		25 < HP <= 40		0.2701	4.4481	1.6486	0.2840	0.0112	595.2958	0.0013

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2701	4.4481	1.6486	0.2840	0.0112	595.2958	0.0013
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3501	4.0710	3.1145	0.4002	0.0114	595.0404	0.0053
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3488	3.8660	3.3383	0.4693	0.0111	595.0447	0.0065
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2654	3.3815	1.2923	0.2877	0.0100	535.9842	0.0048
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2360	3.1454	1.0091	0.2008	0.0097	536.0781	0.0040
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2417	3.9493	1.7379	0.2434	0.0099	536.0600	0.0043
2270002060		Rubber Tire Loaders	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			11 < HP <= 16	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4549	4.4527	2.5075	0.3576	0.0117	594.7062	0.0011
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2626	4.4287	1.5401	0.2529	0.0111	595.3197	0.0007
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2626	4.4287	1.5401	0.2529	0.0111	595.3196	0.0007
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3175	3.9063	2.9857	0.3628	0.0113	595.1446	0.0045
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3160	3.6776	3.2347	0.4409	0.0110	595.1493	0.0058
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2483	3.1315	1.2161	0.2785	0.0099	536.0388	0.0044
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2200	2.8887	0.9320	0.1857	0.0096	536.1291	0.0036
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2070	3.6725	1.4784	0.2101	0.0099	536.1706	0.0036
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1940	3.6765	1.9171	0.2190	0.0099	536.2121	0.0033
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.3398	5.0241	1.8467	0.2596	0.0099	535.7470	0.0056
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.3398	5.0241	1.8467	0.2596	0.0099	535.7471	0.0056
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.3398	5.0241	1.8467	0.2596	0.0099	535.7470	0.0056
			2000 < HP <= 3000	0.3398	5.0241	1.8467	0.2596	0.0099	535.7469	0.0056
2270002066		Tractors/Loaders/Backhoes	Diesel							
			11 < HP <= 16	0.9139	4.9994	4.5666	0.6001	0.0136	693.0840	0.0133
			16 < HP <= 25	0.9139	4.9994	4.5666	0.6001	0.0136	693.0840	0.0133

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			25 < HP <= 40	0.6197	4.9335	3.2291	0.5705	0.0132	694.0223	0.0096
			40 < HP <= 50	0.6197	4.9335	3.2291	0.5705	0.0132	694.0224	0.0096
			50 < HP <= 75	1.0581	5.4413	5.8644	0.8773	0.0133	692.6236	0.0200
			75 < HP <= 100	1.1062	5.4128	6.5693	0.9850	0.0131	692.4703	0.0218
			100 < HP <= 175	0.7900	5.1962	3.1988	0.5939	0.0118	624.0238	0.0155
			175 < HP <= 300	0.6993	4.8918	2.6688	0.4801	0.0116	624.3132	0.0135
2270002069		Crawler Tractor/Dozers	Diesel							
			25 < HP <= 40	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			40 < HP <= 50	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
			50 < HP <= 75	0.2743	3.6677	2.7916	0.3139	0.0113	595.2825	0.0033
			75 < HP <= 100	0.2724	3.3945	3.0840	0.4086	0.0109	595.2884	0.0048
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2241	2.8263	1.1359	0.2711	0.0098	536.1162	0.0039
			175 < HP <= 300	0.1988	2.5767	0.8553	0.1712	0.0095	536.1968	0.0031
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1834	3.2144	1.2638	0.1840	0.0098	536.2459	0.0030
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1750	3.2319	1.7637	0.1913	0.0098	536.2727	0.0028
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.2941	4.5875	1.5218	0.2162	0.0098	535.8928	0.0045
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.2941	4.5875	1.5218	0.2162	0.0098	535.8930	0.0045
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.2941	4.5875	1.5218	0.2162	0.0098	535.8930	0.0045
2270002072		Skid Steer Loaders	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	1.4861	5.9504	8.9426	1.0665	0.0136	691.2586	0.0250
			11 < HP <= 16	1.3074	5.5513	5.9515	0.8101	0.0136	691.8285	0.0223
			16 < HP <= 25	1.3074	5.5513	5.9515	0.8101	0.0136	691.8285	0.0223
			25 < HP <= 40	0.9708	5.2494	4.4533	0.7346	0.0133	692.9023	0.0172
			40 < HP <= 50	0.9708	5.2494	4.4533	0.7346	0.0133	692.9022	0.0172
			50 < HP <= 75	1.3373	5.9138	6.6906	1.0280	0.0134	691.7332	0.0258

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			75 < HP <= 100	1.3775	5.8912	7.2749	1.1156	0.0132	691.6052	0.0273
			100 < HP <= 175	1.0296	5.8736	4.1860	0.7117	0.0119	623.2595	0.0203
2270002075		Off-Highway Tractors	Diesel							
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2346	2.9578	1.1650	0.2737	0.0099	536.0825	0.0041
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2078	2.7110	0.8829	0.1770	0.0095	536.1680	0.0033
			300 < HP <= 600	0.1950	3.4108	1.3681	0.1949	0.0098	536.2089	0.0033
			600 < HP <= 750	0.1845	3.4236	1.8423	0.2030	0.0098	536.2424	0.0031
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.3108	4.7531	1.6336	0.2307	0.0098	535.8396	0.0049
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.3108	4.7531	1.6336	0.2307	0.0098	535.8397	0.0049
			1200 < HP <= 2000	0.3108	4.7531	1.6336	0.2307	0.0098	535.8396	0.0049
			2000 < HP <= 3000	0.3108	4.7531	1.6336	0.2307	0.0098	535.8397	0.0049
2270002078		Dumpers/Tenders	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	1.9541	7.1235	10.2149	1.3814	0.0135	689.7659	0.0355
			11 < HP <= 16	1.9137	6.4317	7.8841	1.1307	0.0135	689.8946	0.0354
			16 < HP <= 25	1.9137	6.4317	7.8841	1.1307	0.0135	689.8947	0.0354
			25 < HP <= 40	1.6824	5.7911	6.6754	1.0079	0.0133	690.6324	0.0320
			40 < HP <= 50	1.6824	5.7911	6.6754	1.0079	0.0133	690.6324	0.0320
			50 < HP <= 75	1.1753	5.8931	5.8779	0.9563	0.0134	692.2498	0.0226
			75 < HP <= 100	1.2154	5.8705	6.4577	1.0418	0.0132	692.1219	0.0240
			100 < HP <= 175	0.8705	5.8516	3.4225	0.6651	0.0119	623.7671	0.0171
2270002081		Other Construction Equipment	Diesel							
			6 < HP <= 11	0.5877	4.3645	5.0219	0.4595	0.0117	594.2826	0.0032
			11 < HP <= 16	0.4656	4.4472	2.6799	0.3681	0.0117	594.6722	0.0025
			16 < HP <= 25	0.4656	4.4472	2.6799	0.3681	0.0117	594.6722	0.0025

Fuel Type	SCC	Equipment Description	Engine Type	Exhaust THC	Exhaust NOx	Exhaust CO	Exhaust PM10	Exhaust SO2	Exhaust CO2	Crankcase THC
Horsepower										
			25 < HP <= 40	0.2752	4.4586	1.7069	0.2993	0.0112	595.2795	0.0016
			40 < HP <= 50	0.2752	4.4586	1.7069	0.2993	0.0112	595.2794	0.0016
			50 < HP <= 75	0.3740	4.1906	3.2098	0.4279	0.0114	594.9642	0.0059
			75 < HP <= 100	0.3728	4.0020	3.4169	0.4912	0.0111	594.9680	0.0070
			100 < HP <= 175	0.2782	3.5694	1.3532	0.2957	0.0100	535.9437	0.0051
			175 < HP <= 300	0.2481	3.3390	1.0713	0.2130	0.0098	536.0397	0.0043
			300 < HP <= 600	0.2682	4.2718	1.9309	0.2681	0.0100	535.9754	0.0049
			600 < HP <= 750	0.2538	4.2669	2.3056	0.2767	0.0100	536.0213	0.0046
			750 < HP <= 1000	0.4072	5.5388	2.3601	0.3245	0.0100	535.5319	0.0071
			1000 < HP <= 1200	0.4072	5.5388	2.3601	0.3245	0.0100	535.5319	0.0071

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Table B-1
Calculation of Sound Level Exposure from Housing Unit Demolition Activities
Flacon Dam, Texas

Construction Activities	Distance (feet)	Reference Leq at 50'		Combined SEL
		Equipment 1	Equipment 2	
Demolition	50	88	85	89.8

Calculated Sound Levels at Property Line

Construction Activities	Distance (feet)	Calculated 1-hr Leq		Combined 1-hr Leq	Calculated 10-hr Leq		Combined 10-hr Leq
		Equipment 1	Equipment 2		Equipment 1	Equipment 2	
Demolition	50	88.0	85.0	89.8	84.0	81.0	85.8

Calculated Sound Levels at Nearest Receptor

Construction Activities	Distance (feet)	Calculated 1-hr Leq		Combined 1-hr Leq	Calculated 10-hr Leq		Combined 10-hr Leq
		Equipment 1	Equipment 2		Equipment 1	Equipment 2	
Demolition	100	82.0	79.0	83.7	78.0	75.0	79.8

Notes:

- Demolition phase evaluates simultaneous use of truck (Equipment 1) and excavator (Equipment 2).
- Calculations performed using methodology outlined in Federal Transit Administration, "Transit Noise and Vibration Impact Assessment," FTA-VA-90-1003-06, May 2006.
- 10-hour Leq is calculated using the following acoustical usage factors: truck=40%, excavator=40%
- Acoustical usage factors are provided in Federal Highway Administration, "FHWA Roadway Construction Noise Model User's Guide," FHWA-HEP-05-054, DOT-VNTSC-FHWA-05-01, January 2006.