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### **Environmental Assessment Determinations** and Compliance Findings for HUD-assisted Projects 24 CFR Part 58

Project Information

Project Name: Karnes County HOME HRA/PWD/Disaster/Reservation Contract Program

Responsible Entity: Karnes County

Grant Recipient (if different than Responsible Entity): same

State/Local Identifier: HRA/PWD/Disaster 2024-0012

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Certifying Officer Name and Title: Wade J. Hedtke, Karnes County Judge

Consultant (if applicable):

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Project Location: Within the city limits of Karnes, TX

Description of the Proposed Project [24 CFR 50.12 & 58.32; 40 CFR 1508.25]: Karnes County is participating in the HOME HRA/PWD/Disaster Reservation System in order to assist homeowners with rehabilitation or reconstruction of their homes. The projects are needed due to the number of families in the City that are living in substandard conditions. If funding is available, the project aspires to assist between one and fifty (1-50) low-income and very low-income homeowners at or below 80% AMFI. Reconstruction of these homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards. Reconstruction will consist of an approximately 1,100-plus square foot dwelling with 2 or 3 bedrooms and 1 or 2 bathrooms. Building materials will consist of concrete foundation and either face brick or Hardiplank panel Masonite material. The windows will be aluminum, insulated, with half-screens. The roof will be twenty-year fiberglass composition shingle with proper installation of felt and flashing. Bathrooms will contain plumbing fixtures that include toilet and fiberglass tub and shower. There will be central heating and air conditioning installed. All electrical wiring, panels, and services will conform to the National Electric Code plus local codes and ordinances. The structure shall meet the International Energy Code as demonstrated by RESCheck Compliance Certificate and/or Energy Efficiency Compliance Certification. The existing homes will be located within the city limits, and the reconstructed homes will be on the same lot.

Statement of Purpose and Need for the Proposal [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]:

The projects are needed due to the number of families in the City that are living in substandard conditions. If funding is available, the project aspires to assist between one and fifty (1-50) low-income and very low-income homeowners at or below 80% AMFI. Reconstruction of these homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards.

Existing Conditions and Trends [24 CFR 58.40(a)]:

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There are families in the city that are living in substandard conditions. Homes are in disrepair, creating hazardous living conditions. These substandard homes, unless rehabilitated or rebuilt, will continue to threaten the safety and wellness of the inhabitants.

### Funding Information

HUD Program	Funding Amount
HOME HRA RSP	TBD
	HUD Program HOME HRA RSP

Estimated Total HUD Funded Amount: \$ TBD

Estimated Total Project Cost (HUD and non-HUD funds) [24 CFR 58.32(d)]: \$TBD

### Compliance with 24 CFR 50.4, 58.5, and 58.6 Laws and Authorities

Record below the compliance or conformance determinations for each statute, executive order or regulation. Provide credible, traceable, and supportive source documentation for each authority. Where applicable, complete the necessary reviews or consultations and obtain or note applicable permits of approvals. Clearly note citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references. Attach additional documentation as appropriate.

Compliance Factors: Statutes, Executive Orders, and Regulations listed at 24 CFR §58.5 and §58.6	Are for compliance mitigation r	steps or	Compliance determinations
STATUTES, EXECUTIVE ORDERS	S, AND REG	ULATION	S LISTED AT 24 CFR 50.4 and 58.6
Airport Hazards  24 CFR Part 51 Subpart D	Yes	No 🖂	There are no project sites in Karnes County that will be within 2,500 feet of a civilian airport or 15,000 feet of a military airfield. The closest civilian airport is Kenedy Regional Airport which is approximately 4.39 miles from Karnes County. There will be no adverse effect from airport hazards.
			Attachment 1 includes: NPIAS Map, Active Military Airfield map and Google Map for distance.
Coastal Barrier Resources  Coastal Barrier Resources Act, as amended by the Coastal  Barrier Improvement Act of 1990	Yes	No	Karnes County is approximately 63 miles from the John H. Chafee Coastal Barrier Resources System. There will be no adverse effect on the Barrier Resources System.  Attachment 2 includes: USFWS Coastal
Flood Insurance Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 [42 USC 4001-4128 and 42 USC 5154a]	Yes	No ⊠	Barrier Resources Systems Map.  The Karnes County participates in the FEMA National Flood Program.  Attachment 3 includes: FEMA Cities that Participate in the FEMA National Flood Program.

Clean Air	Yes	No	Karnes County, is not located in a
1000	Π	$\boxtimes$	Nonattainment or Near Nonattainment Area.
Clean Air Act, as amended,		2	There will be no adverse effects on air quality.
particularly section 176(c) & (d); 40 CFR Parts 6, 51, 93			Attachment 4 includes: TCEQ EPA Texas' Nonattainment Areas map.
Coastal Zone Management	Yes	No	The Karnes County is approximately 61 miles
Coastal Zone Management Act, sections 307(c) & (d)		$\boxtimes$	from Aransas County, which is the closest county within the Texas Coastal Management Program. There will be no adverse effects on coastal zone management.
			Attachment 5 includes: General Land Office Texas Coastal Management Program map and NEPAssist mapper for distance.
Contamination and Toxic	Yes	No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific
Substances			Review when actual addresses are known.
24 CFR Part 50.3(i) & 58.5(i)(2)			Attachment 6: none for this report.
Endangered Species	Yes	No	There are no critical habitats within the
- 1 - 10 - ins Ast of 1072		$\boxtimes$	Karnes County according to the USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report. There will be no
Endangered Species Act of 1973, particularly section 7; 50 CFR	<del></del>		adverse effect on any endangered species.
Part 402			Attachment 7 includes: USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report.
Explosive and Flammable	Yes	No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific
Hazards			Review when actual addresses are known.  Attachment 8: none for this report.
24 CFR Part 51 Subpart C			
Farmlands Protection  Farmland Protection Policy Act of	Yes	No	There will be no adverse effect on farmlands because the home reconstruction activities will take place on land that Is already in urbar
1981, particularly sections 1504(b) and 1541; 7 CFR Part 658			development. The home will be demolished and rebuilt on-site in virtually the same footprint and is not subject to the FPPA.
		4>2	Attachment 9: FPPA form.
Floodplain Management	Yes	No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known.
Executive Order 11988,			Attachment 10: none for this report.
particularly section 2(a); 24 CFR Part 55			
Historic Preservation	Yes	_	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known.
National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, particularly sections 106 and 110; 36 CFR Part 800	L		Attachment 11: none for this report.
Noise Abatement and Control	Yes	No	This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known.
Noise Control Act of 1972, as amended by the Quiet Communities Act of 1978; 24 CFR Part 51 Subpart B			Attachment 12: none for this report.

Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974,	Yes	No ⊠	The Karnes County is approximately 55.2 miles from the Edwards Aquifer. There will be no adverse effect on sole source aquifers.
as amended, particularly section 1424(e); 40 CFR Part 149			Attachment 13 includes: TCEQ Edwards Aquifer Viewer v4.1.
Wetlands Protection  Executive Order 11990, particularly sections 2 and 5	Yes	No ⊠	There are some Estuarine and Marine Deepwater, Estuarine and Marine Wetland, Freshwater Emergent Wetland, Freshwater Forested/Shrub Wetland, Freshwater Pond, Lake, Other, Riverine, and other within city boundaries; however, the home reconstructions will occur on established residential lots in virtually the same footprint. There will be no adverse effect on wetlands. Attachment 14 includes: USFWS National Wetlands Inventory map.
Wild and Scenic Rivers Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968, particularly section 7(b) and (c)	Yes	No ⊠	The Karnes County is approximately 243 miles from the portion of the Rio Grande Rive that is classified as Wild and Scenic. Additionally, there are no Study Rivers in Texas and there are no NRI rivers in Karnes County. There will be no adverse effect on wild and scenic rivers, study rivers and NRI rivers.  Attachment 15 includes: National Park Service National River Inventory List, Rivers.com Study rivers list and EPA NEPAssist map for distance.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE			
Environmental Justice	Yes	No	The HOME HRA program is designed to assist the low-income and very low-income population, by rehabilitating or rebuilding
Executive Order 12898			substandard homes. There is no adverse effect on minority or low-income populations but only a beneficial effect as this program assists homeowners in changing their substandard living conditions.  Attachment 16: none for this report.

Environmental Assessment Factors [24 CFR 58.40; Ref. 40 CFR 1508.8 &1508.27] Recorded below is the qualitative and quantitative significance of the effects of the proposal on the character, features and resources of the project area. Each factor has been evaluated and documented, as appropriate and in proportion to its relevance to the proposed action. Verifiable source documentation has been provided and described in support of each determination, as appropriate. Credible, traceable and supportive source documentation for each authority has been provided. Where applicable, the necessary reviews or consultations have been completed and applicable permits of approvals have been obtained or noted. Citations, dates/names/titles of contacts, and page references are clear. Additional documentation is attached, as appropriate. All conditions, attenuation or mitigation measures have been clearly identified.

Impact Codes: Use an impact code from the following list to make the determination of impact for each factor.

- (1) Minor beneficial impact
- (2) No impact anticipated

(3) Minor Adverse Impact – May require mitigation

(4) Significant or potentially significant impact requiring avoidance or modification which may require an Environmental Impact Statement

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
LAND DEVELOPMENT		
Conformance with Plans / Compatible Land Use and Zoning / Scale and Urban Design	1	Construction activities of rehabilitating or reconstructing homes will occur on the existing residential lots, and in virtually the same footprints. There will be change to land use or zoning. There will be a beneficial effect on the street appeal.
Soi Suitability/ Slope/ Erosion/ Drainage/ Storm Water Runoff	2	Construction activities of rehabilitating or reconstructing homes will occur on the existing residential lots, and in virtually the same footprints. Soil conditions, slope, erosion, etc. will be considered by the engineer in plans for reconstructing the home on the existing lot.
Hazards and Nuisances including Site Safety and Noise		This will be determined at each Site-Specific Review when actual addresses are known.
Energy Consumption	2	The structure shall meet the International Energy Code as demonstrated by RESCheck Compliance Certificate and/or Energy Efficiency Compliance Certification.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
SOCIOECONOMIC		
Employment and Indome Patterns	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on local businesses or employment.
Demographic Character Changes, Displacement	2	There will be temporary displacement of the homeowners during the construction or rehabilitation of their home. There will be no demographic changes as the home will be re-occupied by the original tenants once construction is complete.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
COMMUNITY FACILITIE	S AND SEF	RVICES
Educational and Cultural Facilities	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on educational or cultural facilities, access to these resources, or participation by the public.
Commercial Facilities	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on local commercial facilities, access or participation.
Health Care and Social Services	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on health care or social services, access or participation.
Solid Waste Disposal / Recycling	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on the solid waste disposal or recycling for the area.
Wastewater / Sanitary Sewers	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on the wastewater or sanitary sewer system. The homes will remain tied into the sewer infrastructure.

Water Supply	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on the water supply. The homes will remain tied into the water supply infrastructure.
Public Safety - Police, Fire and Emergency Medical	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of nomes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on public safety, or
Parks, Open Space and Recreation	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots, and will have no adverse effect on any parks, open spaces or recreational areas in the city. There will be change or limited access or participation.
Transportation and Accessibility	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on transportation resources or accessibility.

Environmental Assessment Factor	Impact Code	Impact Evaluation
NATURAL FEATURES Unique Natural	2	The rehabilitation and reconstruction of homes will occur on existing residential lots and will have no adverse effect on any natural
Features, Water Resources		features or water resources that exist in the city boundaries.
Vegetation, Wildlife	2	residential lots and will have no adverse effect on vegetation or wildlife. There are no critical habitats in the Karnes County, per the USFWS IPaC Trust Resource Report.
Other Factors		

Additional Studies Performed: None

Field Inspection (Date and completed by): TBD for each specific location

List of Sources, Agencies and Persons Consulted [40 CFR 1508.9(b)]: AirNav.com, EPA NEPAssist, Google Maps, GLO, TCEQ, USFWS, Rivers.org & USDA.

List of Permits Obtained: None

Public Outreach [24 CFR 50.23 & 58.43]: Public Notice 4/3/25 in the Karnes Countywide

Cumulative Impact Analysis [24 CFR 58.32]: These project activities are grouped as Functional Aggregation. The Environmental Assessment documentation and determinations include all project locations. The Site-Specific Reviews will determine the remaining compliances.

Alternatives [24 CFR 58.40(e); 40 CFR 1508.9]:

Alternate Activities: Under the HRA program, the qualifying homes are analyzed for rehabilitation before reconstruction is considered. Rehabilitation to bring the homes to an acceptable standard is the minimum of project activities. When the cost of rehabilitation is too great, reconstruction is the alternative that is chosen. Reconstructed homes will meet Housing Quality Standards and the Texas Minimum Construction Standards. There are no effective alternatives to consider.

Other Locations: The HOME HRA program is for the rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing homes, or their existing lots. Other locations for home replacement are not allowed under the program rules. Choosing other locations is not an alternative.

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No Action Alternative [24 CFR 58.40(e)]: There are many families living in substandard conditions in the Karnes County. Those who qualify for the HRA program will have their substandard home rehabilitated to bring it up to safety standards, or their home will be rebuilt. Taking no action and not proceeding with the rehabilitation or reconstruction of substandard homes will result in the families in these homes continuing to live in conditions that threaten their safety and health.

Summary of Findings and Conclusions: After a thorough research of all statutes, laws, authorities and executive orders cited at 24 CFR 58, the proposed project, which will involve multiple home sites in the Karnes County, is in compliance with the programs and categories identified with a determination on this report. The Site-Specific Reviews will allow a determination on those statutes, laws, authorities and executive orders that require a specific address on which to analyze compliance.

Mitigation Measures and Conditions [40 CFR 1505.2(c)]
Summarize below all mitigation measures adopted by the Responsible Entity to reduce, avoid, or eliminate adverse environmental impacts and to avoid non-compliance or non-conformance with the above-listed authorities and factors. These measures/conditions must be incorporated into project contracts, development agreements, and other relevant documents. The staff responsible for implementing and monitoring mitigation measures should be clearly identified in the mitigation plan.

Law, Authority, or Factor	Mitigation Measure	
None		
Determination:		
Finding of No Significant Im The project will not result in a signifi	pact [24 CFR 58.40(g)(1); 40 C cant impact on the quality of th	DFR 1508.27] ne human environment.
	ot 124 CER 58.40(a)(2); 40 CFF	R 1508.27]
Preparer Signature: Kor W.	ea	Date: 3/21/25
Name/Title/Organization: Lacie Ko	ska, Grant Consultant, Langfor	rd Community Management Services, Inc
Certifying Officer Signature:		Date: 03-27-7025
Name/Title: Wade J. Hedtke, Karr	ies County Judge	
This original, signed document and Entity in an Environmental Review accordance with recordkeeping re-	RAPINITION THE GOLDING	nust be retained on file by the Responsible project (ref: 24 CFR Part 58.38) and in am(s).

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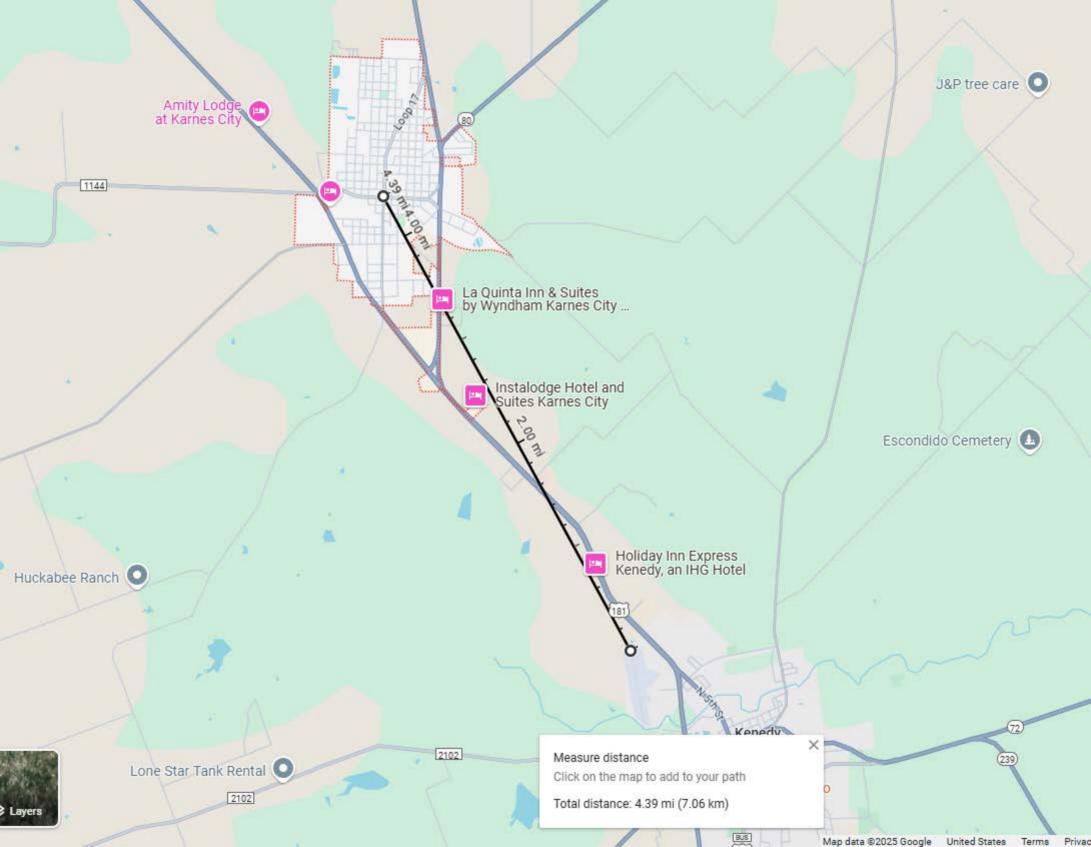
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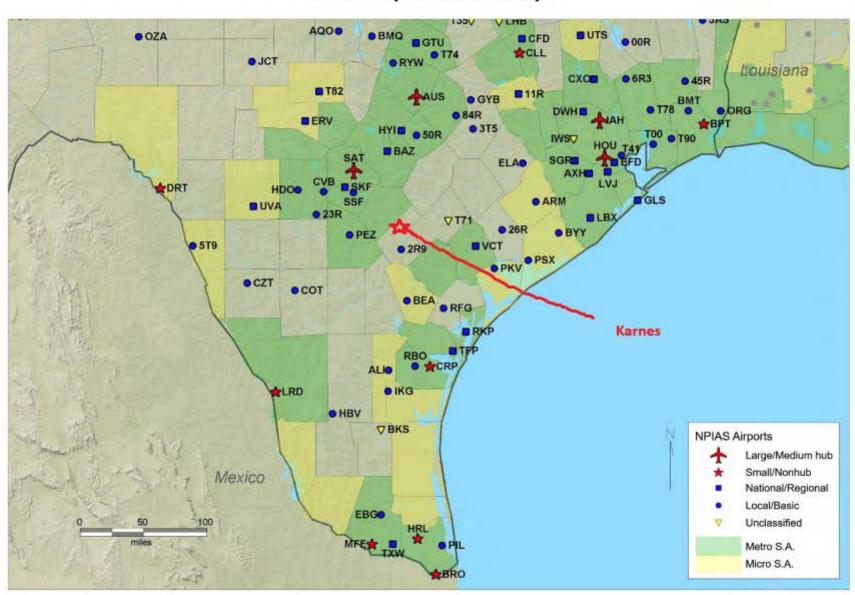
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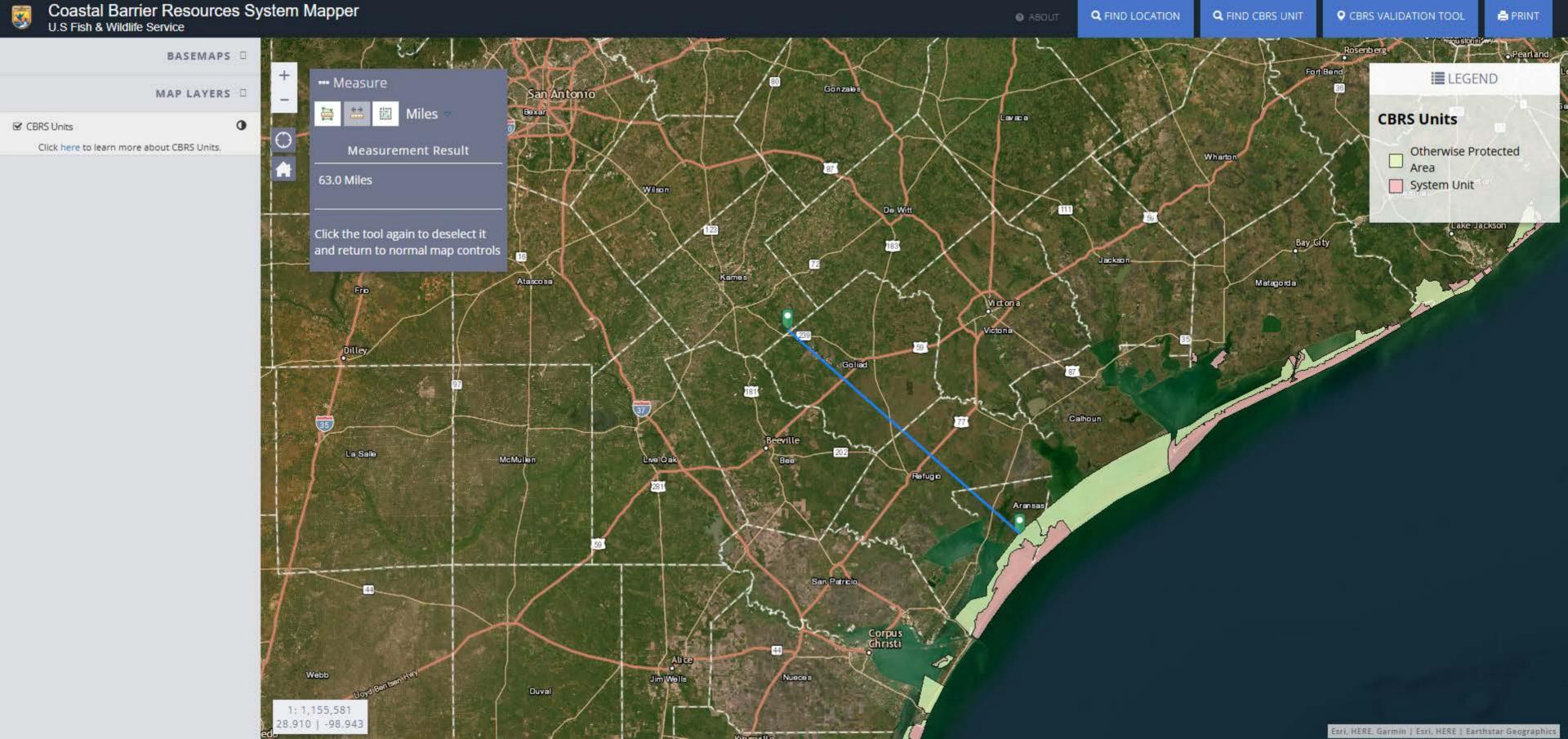
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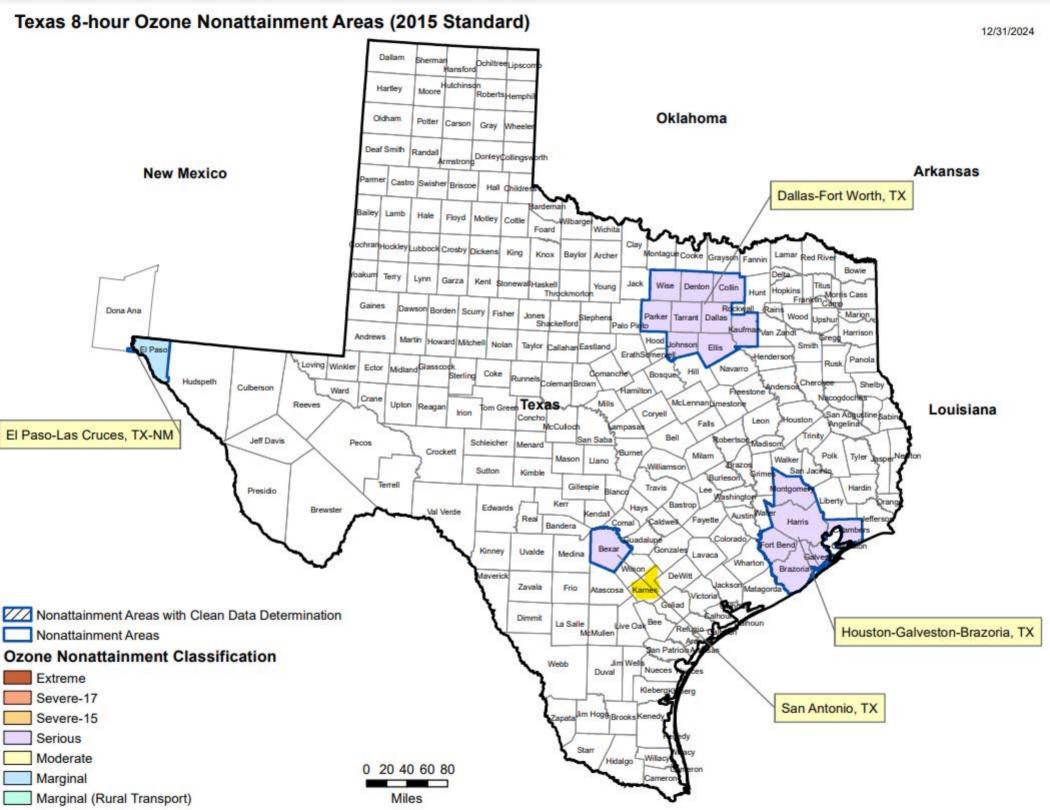
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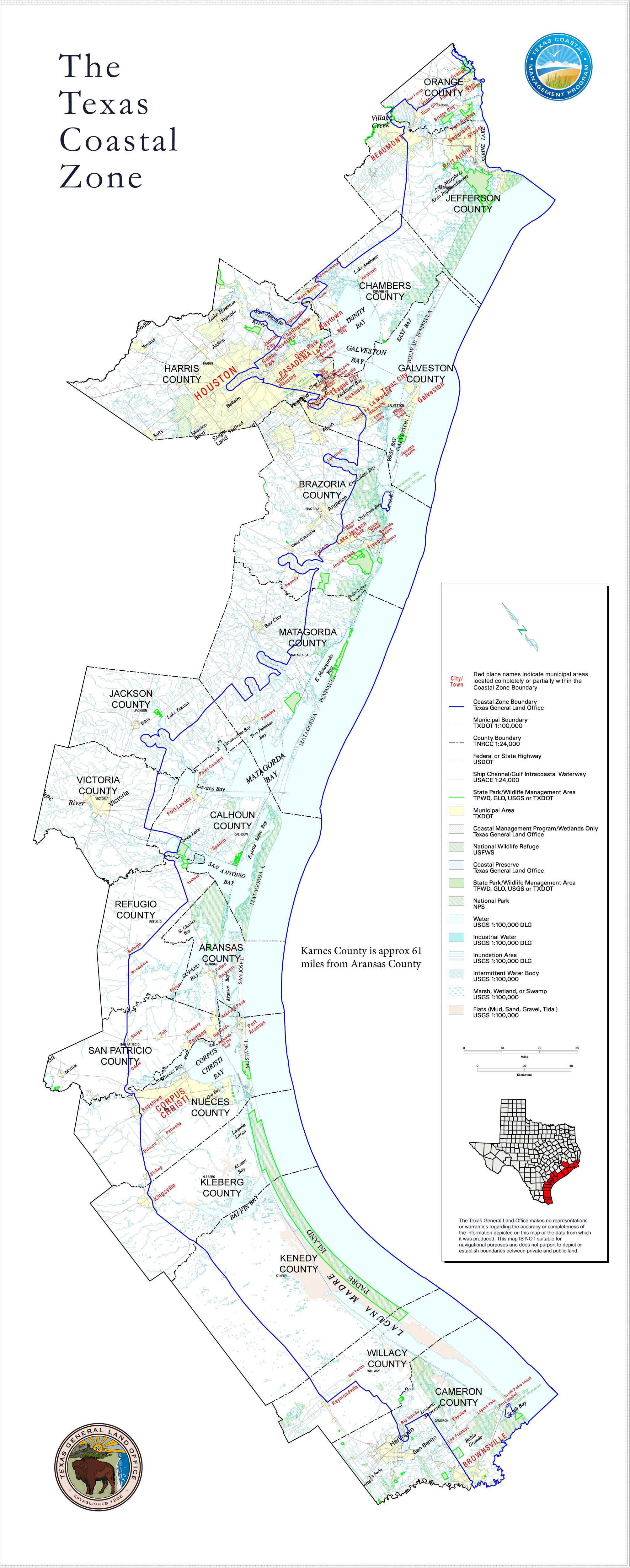
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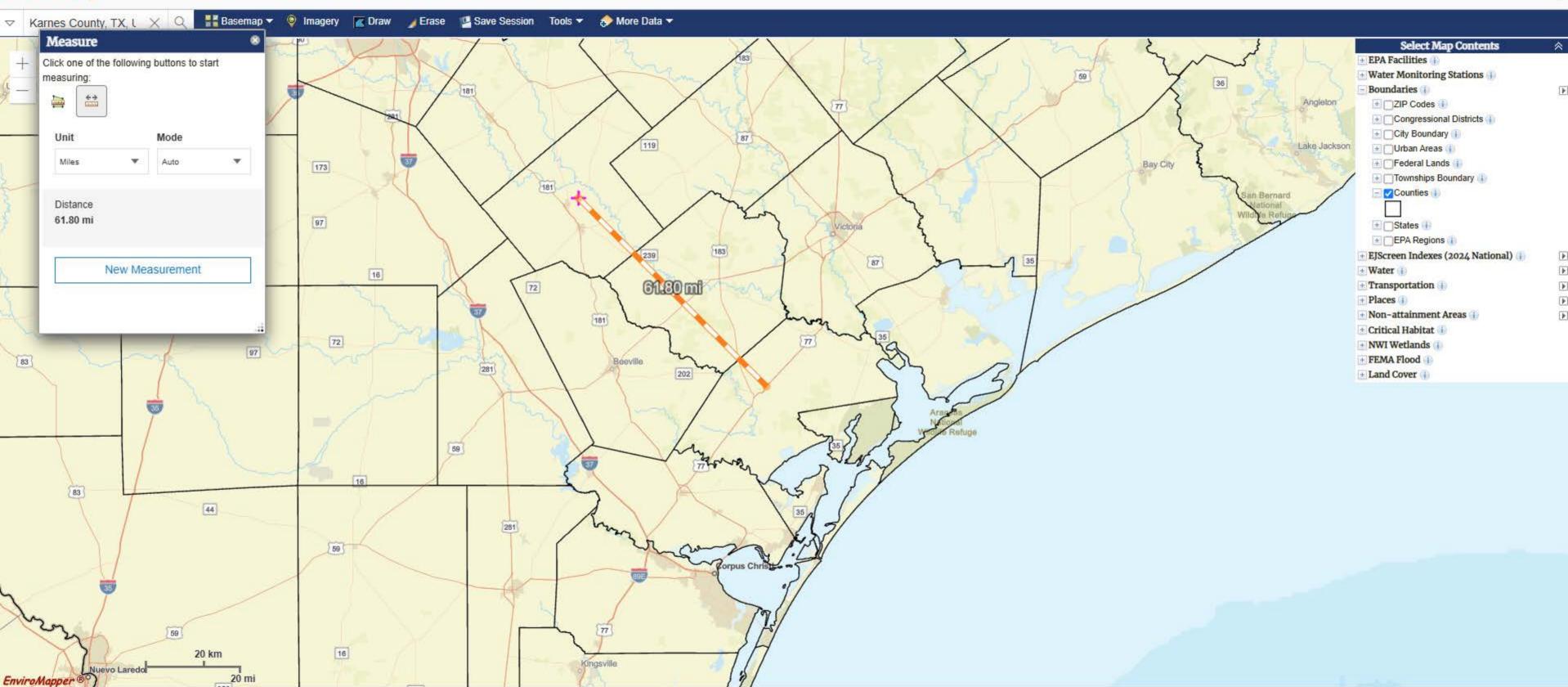
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481690	JAYTON, CITY OF	KENT COUNTY				No	01/16/01(E)				
481251#	JEFF DAVIS COUNTY *	JEFF DAVIS COUNTY	02/07/78	07/18/85	07/18/85(M)	No	07/18/85				
480385#	JEFFERSON COUNTY*	JEFFERSON COUNTY	08/30/77	06/01/83	08/06/02	No	06/01/83	04/01/24	04/01/24	В	10%
480465#	JEFFERSON, CITY OF	MARION COUNTY	06/07/74	10/26/82	10/26/82(M)	No	10/26/82				
480300G	JERSEY VILLAGE, CITY OF	HARRIS COUNTY	04/05/74	03/15/82	11/15/19	No	03/15/82	05/01/20	10/01/24	5	25%
480906A	JEWETT, CITY OF	LEON COUNTY	12/24/76	10/01/07	11/20/13	No	10/01/07				
481081#	JIM HOGG COUNTY*	JIM HOGG COUNTY	01/31/75	11/01/87	11/01/87(L)	No	11/01/87				
481258A	JIM WELLS COUNTY *	JIM WELLS COUNTY	06/10/77	05/02/83	08/15/17	No	05/02/83				
481005	JOAQUIN, CITY OF	SHELBY COUNTY	10/22/76	07/18/85	07/18/85(M)	No	07/18/85				
480712#	JOHNSON CITY, CITY OF	BLANCO COUNTY	04/18/75	03/01/86	02/06/91	No	03/01/86				
480879C	JOHNSON COUNTY*	JOHNSON COUNTY	05/17/77	09/27/91	09/21/23	No	09/27/91				
480884#	JONES COUNTY*	JONES COUNTY		10/04/11	10/04/11	No	10/04/11				
480072A	JONES CREEK, VILLAGE OF	BRAZORIA COUNTY	05/24/74	06/05/85	12/30/20	No	06/05/85				
481597D	JONESTOWN, CITY OF	TRAVIS COUNTY	03/07/78	04/01/82	01/22/20	No	04/01/82				
480756#	JOSEPHINE, CITY OF	HUNT COUNTY/COLLIN	05/28/76	01/02/80	01/06/12	No	12/15/95				
480882C	JOSHUA, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	06/27/75	09/27/91	09/21/23	No	09/27/91				
480703#	JOURDANTON, CITY OF	ATASCOSA COUNTY	08/13/76	07/18/85	11/04/10(M)	No	07/18/85				
480421#	JUNCTION, CITY OF	KIMBLE COUNTY	03/22/74	09/26/79	11/05/97	No	09/26/79				
480778#	JUSTIN, CITY OF	DENTON COUNTY	06/03/77	04/02/97	04/18/11	No	04/02/97				
480405#	KARNES CITY, CITY OF	KARNES COUNTY	05/10/74	08/01/86	10/19/10(M)	No	08/01/86				
481175#	KARNES COUNTY	KARNES COUNTY	06/07/77	04/01/04	10/19/10	No	04/01/04				
480301#	KATY, CITY OF	WALLER COUNTY/HARRIS COUNTY/FORT BEND	06/28/74	03/02/81	04/02/14	No	03/02/81				
480411B	KAUFMAN COUNTY *	COUNTY KAUFMAN COUNTY	11/13/81	09/04/91	01/12/23	No	09/04/91				
480407B	KAUFMAN, CITY OF	KAUFMAN COUNTY	03/22/74	08/08/78	01/12/23	No	08/08/78				
481107#	KEENE, CITY OF	JOHNSON COUNTY	06/04/76	09/27/91	12/04/12	No	02/21/01				
480602B	KELLER, CITY OF	TARRANT COUNTY	11/19/76	09/30/82	03/21/19	No	09/30/82				
485481A	KEMAH, CITY OF	GALVESTON COUNTY	06/05/70	06/05/70	08/15/19	No	10/16/70	10/01/92	05/01/15	В	10%
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	USE THE LAMPASAS COUNTY (480899) FIRM PANEL 250.					No					
480417B	KENDALL COUNTY*	KENDALL COUNTY	12/27/74	06/17/86	05/15/20	No	06/17/86				
481551C	KENDLETON, CITY OF	FORT BEND COUNTY	04/29/80	09/30/92	12/21/17	No	09/15/01				
481230#	KENEDY COUNTY *	KENEDY COUNTY	01/17/78	04/03/84	05/04/92	No	04/03/84				
485482#	KENEDY, CITY OF	KARNES COUNTY		06/18/90	10/19/10	No	06/25/71				
481523B	KENEFICK, CITY OF	LIBERTY COUNTY	04/24/79	05/02/08	01/19/18	No	06/20/08				
481552#	KENNARD, CITY OF	HOUSTON COUNTY	03/11/80	04/04/11	04/04/11(M)	No	04/04/11				
480603#	KENNEDALE, CITY OF	TARRANT COUNTY	02/01/74	11/15/84	09/25/09	No	11/15/84				

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Project Code: 2025-0044527 Project Name: Karnes County

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location or may be affected by your proposed project

### To Whom It May Concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) field offices in Clear Lake, Corpus Christi, Fort Worth, and Alamo, Texas, have combined administratively to form the Texas Coastal Ecological Services Field Office. All project related correspondence should be sent to the field office address listed below responsible for the county in which your project occurs:

Project Leader; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 17629 El Camino Real Ste. 211; Houston, Texas 77058

Angelina, Austin, Brazoria, Brazos, Chambers, Colorado, Fayette, Fort Bend, Freestone, Galveston, Grimes, Hardin, Harris, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Limestone, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Orange, Polk, Robertson, Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Trinity, Tyler, Walker, Waller, and Wharton.

Assistant Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4444 Corona Drive, Ste 215; Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Aransas, Atascosa, Bee, Brooks, Calhoun, De Witt, Dimmit, Duval, Frio, Goliad, Gonzales, Hidalgo, Jackson, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kenedy, Kleberg, La Salle, Lavaca, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Nueces, Refugio, San Patricio, Victoria, and Wilson.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge; Attn: Texas Ecological Services Sub-Office; 3325 Green Jay Road, Alamo, Texas 78516 *Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Webb, Willacy, and Zapata.* 

For questions or coordination for projects occurring in counties not listed above, please contact arles@fws.gov.

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your

proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the Service under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 *et seq.*), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2) (c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at: http://www.fws.gov/media/endangered-species-consultation-handbook.

Non-Federal entities may consult under Sections 9 and 10 of the Act. Section 9 and Federal regulations prohibit the take of endangered and threatened species, respectively, without special exemption. "Take" is defined as to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. "Harm" is further defined (50 CFR § 17.3) to include significant habitat modification or degradation that results in death or injury to listed species by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. "Harass" is defined (50 CFR § 17.3) as intentional or negligent actions that create the likelihood of

injury to listed species to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavior patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding or sheltering. Should the proposed project have the potential to take listed species, the Service recommends that the applicant develop a Habitat Conservation Plan and obtain a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit. The Habitat Conservation Planning Handbook is available at: <a href="https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/habitat-conservation-planning-handbook">https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/habitat-conservation-planning-handbook</a>.

### Migratory Birds:

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In addition to responsibilities to protect threatened and endangered species under the Act, there are additional responsibilities under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) to protect native birds from project-related impacts. Any activity, intentional or unintentional, resulting in take of migratory birds, including eagles, is prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the Service (50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)). For more information regarding these Acts visit: <a href="https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds">https://www.fws.gov/program/migratory-birds</a>.

The MBTA has no provision for allowing take of migratory birds that may be unintentionally killed or injured by otherwise lawful activities. It is the responsibility of the project proponent to comply with these Acts by identifying potential impacts to migratory birds and eagles within applicable National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documents (when there is a federal nexus) or a Bird/Eagle Conservation Plan (when there is no federal nexus). Proponents should implement conservation measures to avoid or minimize the production of project-related stressors or minimize the exposure of birds and their resources to the project-related stressors. For more information on avian stressors and recommended conservation measures see https://www.fws.gov/library/collections/threats-birds.

In addition to MBTA and BGEPA, Executive Order 13186: *Responsibilities of Federal Agencies to Protect Migratory Birds*, obligates all Federal agencies that engage in or authorize activities that might affect migratory birds, to minimize those effects and encourage conservation measures that will improve bird populations. Executive Order 13186 provides for the protection of both migratory birds and migratory bird habitat.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Code in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

#### Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
- Bald & Golden Eagles
- Migratory Birds
- Wetlands

### **OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST**

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

**Texas Coastal & Central Plains Esfo** 17629 El Camino Real, Suite 211 Houston, TX 77058-3051 (281) 286-8282

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

Project Code: 2025-0044527
Project Name: Karnes County
Project Type: Clearing Land
Project Description: Reconstruction

**Project Location:** 

The approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps: <a href="https://www.google.com/maps/@28.9440953,-98.11021811730342,14z">https://www.google.com/maps/@28.9440953,-98.11021811730342,14z</a>



Counties: Texas

### **ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT SPECIES**

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There is a total of 9 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list.

Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Note that 2 of these species should be considered only under certain conditions.

IPaC does not display listed species or critical habitats under the sole jurisdiction of NOAA Fisheries<sup>1</sup>, as USFWS does not have the authority to speak on behalf of NOAA and the Department of Commerce.

See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area under this office's jurisdiction. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

1. <u>NOAA Fisheries</u>, also known as the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), is an office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration within the Department of Commerce.

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**MAMMALS** 

NAME STATUS

Tricolored Bat Perimyotis subflavus

Proposed Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10515</a>

**BIRDS** 

NAME STATUS

Attwater's Greater Prairie-chicken Tympanuchus cupido attwateri

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7259">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/7259</a>

Piping Plover Charadrius melodus

Threatened

Population: [Atlantic Coast and Northern Great Plains populations] - Wherever found, except those areas where listed as endangered.

There is final critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

• Wind related projects within migratory route.

Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/6039</a>

Rufa Red Knot Calidris canutus rufa

Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

This species only needs to be considered under the following conditions:

Wind Related Projects Within Migratory Route

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1864

Whooping Crane *Grus americana* 

Endangered

Population: Wherever found, except where listed as an experimental population

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/758</a>

**CLAMS** 

NAME

False Spike *Fusconaia mitchelli* 

Endangered

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3963">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/3963</a>

Guadalupe Orb Cyclonaias necki

Endangered

Population:

There is **final** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical habitat.

Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10781">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10781</a>

### **INSECTS**

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NAME STATUS

Monarch Butterfly *Danaus plexippus* 

Proposed Threatened

There is **proposed** critical habitat for this species. Your location does not overlap the critical

habitat.

Species profile: https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9743

FLOWERING PLANTS

NAME STATUS

Black Lace Cactus Echinocereus reichenbachii var. albertii

Endangered

No critical habitat has been designated for this species. Species profile: <a href="https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5560">https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5560</a>

### CRITICAL HABITATS

THERE ARE NO CRITICAL HABITATS WITHIN YOUR PROJECT AREA UNDER THIS OFFICE'S JURISDICTION.

YOU ARE STILL REQUIRED TO DETERMINE IF YOUR PROJECT(S) MAY HAVE EFFECTS ON ALL ABOVE LISTED SPECIES.

### **BALD & GOLDEN EAGLES**

Bald and Golden Eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act <sup>2</sup> and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup>. Any person or organization who plans or conducts activities that may result in impacts to Bald or Golden Eagles, or their habitats, should follow appropriate regulations and consider implementing appropriate avoidance and minimization measures, as described in the various links on this page.

- 1. The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act of 1940.
- 2. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

There are Bald Eagles and/or Golden Eagles in your project area.

### **Measures for Proactively Minimizing Eagle Impacts**

For information on how to best avoid and minimize disturbance to nesting bald eagles, please review the <u>National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines</u>. You may employ the timing and activity-specific distance recommendations in this document when designing your project/ activity to avoid and minimize eagle impacts. For bald eagle information specific to Alaska, please refer to <u>Bald Eagle Nesting and Sensitivity to Human Activity</u>.

The FWS does not currently have guidelines for avoiding and minimizing disturbance to nesting Golden Eagles. For site-specific recommendations regarding nesting Golden Eagles, please consult with the appropriate Regional <u>Migratory Bird Office</u> or <u>Ecological Services Field Office</u>.

If disturbance or take of eagles cannot be avoided, an <u>incidental take permit</u> may be available to authorize any take that results from, but is not the purpose of, an otherwise lawful activity. For assistance making this determination for Bald Eagles, visit the <u>Do I Need A Permit Tool</u>. For assistance making this determination for golden eagles, please consult with the appropriate

### **Ensure Your Eagle List is Accurate and Complete**

Regional Migratory Bird Office or Ecological Services Field Office.

If your project area is in a poorly surveyed area in IPaC, your list may not be complete and you may need to rely on other resources to determine what species may be present (e.g. your local FWS field office, state surveys, your own surveys). Please review the <u>Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles</u>, to help you properly interpret the report for your specified location, including determining if there is sufficient data to ensure your list is accurate.

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to bald or golden eagles on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these bald or golden eagles are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

NAME BREEDING SEASON

### Bald Eagle Haliaeetus leucocephalus

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Breeds Sep 1 to Jul 31

This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities.

https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626

### PROBABILITY OF PRESENCE SUMMARY

The graphs below provide our best understanding of when birds of concern are most likely to be present in your project area. This information can be used to tailor and schedule your project activities to avoid or minimize impacts to birds. Please make sure you read "Supplemental Information on Migratory Birds and Eagles", specifically the FAQ section titled "Proper Interpretation and Use of Your Migratory Bird Report" before using or attempting to interpret this report.

### **Probability of Presence (■)**

Green bars; the bird's relative probability of presence in the 10km grid cell(s) your project overlaps during that week of the year.

### **Breeding Season** (

Yellow bars; liberal estimate of the timeframe inside which the bird breeds across its entire range.

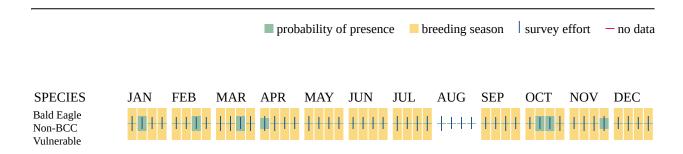
### Survey Effort (|)

Vertical black lines; the number of surveys performed for that species in the 10km grid cell(s) your project area overlaps.

### No Data (-)

A week is marked as having no data if there were no survey events for that week.

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Additional information can be found using the following links:

- Eagle Management <a href="https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management">https://www.fws.gov/program/eagle-management</a>
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- Nationwide avoidance and minimization measures for birds <a href="https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf">https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/nationwide-standard-conservation-measures.pdf</a>
- Supplemental Information for Migratory Birds and Eagles in IPaC <a href="https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action">https://www.fws.gov/media/supplemental-information-migratory-birds-and-bald-and-golden-eagles-may-occur-project-action</a>

### **MIGRATORY BIRDS**

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) <sup>1</sup> prohibits the take (including killing, capturing, selling, trading, and transport) of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). The incidental take of migratory birds is the injury or death of birds that results from, but is not the purpose, of an activity. The Service interprets the MBTA to prohibit incidental take.

- 1. The Migratory Birds Treaty Act of 1918.
- 2. The <u>Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act</u> of 1940.
- 3. 50 C.F.R. Sec. 10.12 and 16 U.S.C. Sec. 668(a)

For guidance on when to schedule activities or implement avoidance and minimization measures to reduce impacts to migratory birds on your list, see the "Probability of Presence Summary" below to see when these birds are most likely to be present and breeding in your project area.

	BREEDING
NAME	SEASON
American Golden-plover <i>Pluvialis dominica</i>	Breeds
This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA	elsewhere
and Alaska.	
https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/10561	

**BREEDING** NAME **SEASON** Bald Eagle *Haliaeetus leucocephalus* Breeds Sep 1 to This is not a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) in this area, but warrants attention **Jul 31** because of the Eagle Act or for potential susceptibilities in offshore areas from certain types of development or activities. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/1626 Chimney Swift Chaetura pelagica **Breeds Mar 15** This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA to Aug 25 and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9406 Breeds Apr 20 Kentucky Warbler *Geothlypis formosa* This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA to Aug 20 and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9443 Least Tern Sternula antillarum antillarum Breeds Apr 25 This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA to Sep 5 and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/11919 **Breeds** Lesser Yellowlegs *Tringa flavipes* This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA elsewhere and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9679 Little Blue Heron *Egretta caerulea* Breeds Mar 10 This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions to Oct 15 (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9477 **Breeds** Long-billed Curlew *Numenius americanus* This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions elsewhere (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/5511 Pectoral Sandpiper Calidris melanotos **Breeds** This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA elsewhere and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9561 Breeds Feb 1 to Prairie Loggerhead Shrike *Lanius ludovicianus excubitorides* This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) only in particular Bird Conservation Regions **Jul 31** (BCRs) in the continental USA https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8833 Prothonotary Warbler Protonotaria citrea Breeds Apr 1 to This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA **Jul 31** and Alaska. https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9439

NAME	BREEDING SEASON
Sprague's Pipit <i>Anthus spragueii</i> This is a Bird of Conservation Concern (BCC) throughout its range in the continental USA	Breeds elsewhere
and Alaska.  https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/8964	

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### **Breeding Season** (

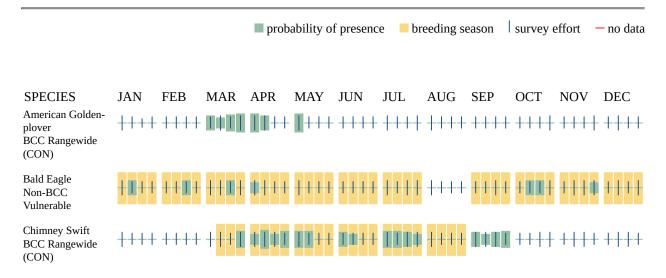
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### **WETLANDS**

Impacts to <u>NWI wetlands</u> and other aquatic habitats may be subject to regulation under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, or other State/Federal statutes.

For more information please contact the Regulatory Program of the local <u>U.S. Army Corps of</u> Engineers District.

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Please note that the NWI data being shown may be out of date. We are currently working to update our NWI data set. We recommend you verify these results with a site visit to determine the actual extent of wetlands on site.

### FRESHWATER EMERGENT WETLAND

- PEM1Ah
- PEM1Ch
- PEM1C
- PEM1A

### FRESHWATER POND

- PUBF
- PUBFh
- PUSCh
- PUBHh

#### RIVERINE

- R2UBH
- R4SBA
- R4SBC
- R5UBH

### FRESHWATER FORESTED/SHRUB WETLAND

- PFO1A
- PSS1A
- PSS1Ch

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### **IPAC USER CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Altar monto An official website of the United States government Hera's how you know **USDA** Natural Resources Conservation Service Farmland Protection Policy Act Home Conservation Basics (/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns) Vconservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns) Land (/conservation-basics/natural-resource-concerns) The Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. Purpose The FPPA is intended to minimize the impact Federal programs have on the unnecessary and irreversible conversion of farmland to nonagricultural uses. It assures that to the extent possible federal programs are administered to be compatible with state, local units of government, and private programs and policies to protect farmland. Federal agencies are required to develop and review their policies and procedures to implement the FPPA every two years. The FPPA does not authorize the Federal Government to regulate the use of private or nonfederal land or, in any way, affect the property rights of owners. For the purpose of FPPA, farmland includes prime farmland, unique farmland, and land of statewide or local importance. Farmland subject to FPPA requirements does not have to be currently used for cropland. It can be forest land, pastureland, cropland, or other land, but not water or urban built-up land. Webinar - Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) Overview (10/2020) Webinar - Farmland Projection Policy Act (FPPA) Overview (10/2020) Projects and Activities Projects are subject to FPPA requirements if they may irreversibly convert farmland (directly or indirectly) to nonagricultural use and are completed by a Federal agency or with assistance from a Federal agency.

Assistance from a Federal agency includes:

Acquiring or disposing of land.
Providing financing or loans.
Managing property.

· Providing technical assistance

#### Activities that may be subject to FPPA include:

- State highway construction projects, (through the Federal Highway Administration)
- · Airport expansions
- Electric cooperative construction projects
- Railroad construction projects
- · Telephone company construction projects
- Reservoir and hydroelectric projects
- Federal agency projects that convert farmland · Other projects completed with Federal assistance.

#### Activities not subject to FPPA include:

- · Federal permitting and licensing
- Projects planned and completed without the assistance of a Federal agency
- Projects on land already in urban development or used for water storage
- · Construction within an existing right-of-way purchased on or before August 4, 1984
- Construction for national defense purposes
- Construction of on-farm structures needed for farm operations
- Surface mining, where restoration to agricultural use is planned
- Construction of new minor secondary structures such as a garage or storage shed.

### Farmland Conversion Impact Rating Form

If you represent a Federal agency in a project that has the potential to convert important farmland to non-farm use, please contact your local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) or USDA Service Center. NRCS uses a land evaluation and site assessment (LESA) system to establish a farmland conversion impact rating score on proposed sites of Federally funded and assisted projects. This score is used as an indicator for the project sponsor to consider alternative sites if the potential adverse impacts on the farmland exceed the

The assessment is completed on form

AD-1006 (/sites/default/files/2024-05/ad-1006.pdf) (13747 KB)

The sponsoring agency completes the site assessment portion of the AD-1006, which assesses non-soil related criteria such as the potential for impact on the local agricultural economy if the land is converted to non-farm use and compatibility with existing spricultural use.

#### **Program Contacts**

ns@usda.cor). Acting Associate Director Soil Services and Information Branch, 503-414-3261

### Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA): Program Overview and NRCS Responsibilities

To learn more about the Farmland Protection Policy Act (/sites/default/files/2022-06/PPPA-webinar-10-27-2020-FINAL vi. 1 0.pdf) (0-40 MB)

#### FPPA Forms and Resources

Farmland Conversion Impact Rating (/sites/default/files/2022-06/stelprdb1045394.pdf) [187.3] K/I)

AD-1006 (/sites/default/files/2024-05/ad-1006.pdf) (2, 3 10 TE)

CPA-106.pdf (/sites/default/files/2022-06/CPA-106.pdf) (4 1 30 N3)

FPPA Rule 7cfr658.pdf (/sites/default/files/2022-06/FPPA Rule 7cfr658.pdf) 10 a. 7s; Elli)

FPPA Law.pdf (/sites/default/files/2022-06/FPPA Law.pdf) (10.54) FB

#### Annual Reports

FY 2023 FPPA Annual Report Usites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2023-FPPA-Annual-Report.pdf(1900.02 f/3)

FY 2022 FPPA Annual Report (/sites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2022-FPPA-Annual-Report.pdf) (29/7-90 LT)

FY 2021 FPPA Annual Report (/sites/default/files/2024-00/FY-2021-FPPA-Annual-Report 0.pdf) ( 7 to 6 \* K/S)

FY 2020 FPPA Annual Report (/sites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2020-FPPA-Annual-Report.pdf) (1.19 NEE)

FY 2020 FPPA Webinar (/sites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2020-FPPA-webinar.pdf) (0.40 MB)

FY 2019 FPPA Annual Report 1/sites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2019 FPPA Annual-Report.pdf(1) 15, MB)

FY 2018 FPPA Annual Report (/sites/default/files/2024-09/FY-2018 FPPA Annual-Report.pdf) (1.47.2., 1.11)

#### AskUSDA

One central entry point for you to access information and here from USDA

Ask.USDA.gov (https://ask.usda.gov/s/)

J 1-833-ONE-USDA (tel:8336638732)

askusda@usda,gov (mailto:askusda@usda,g

ASK A QUESTION (HTTPS://ASK.USDA.GOV/S/)



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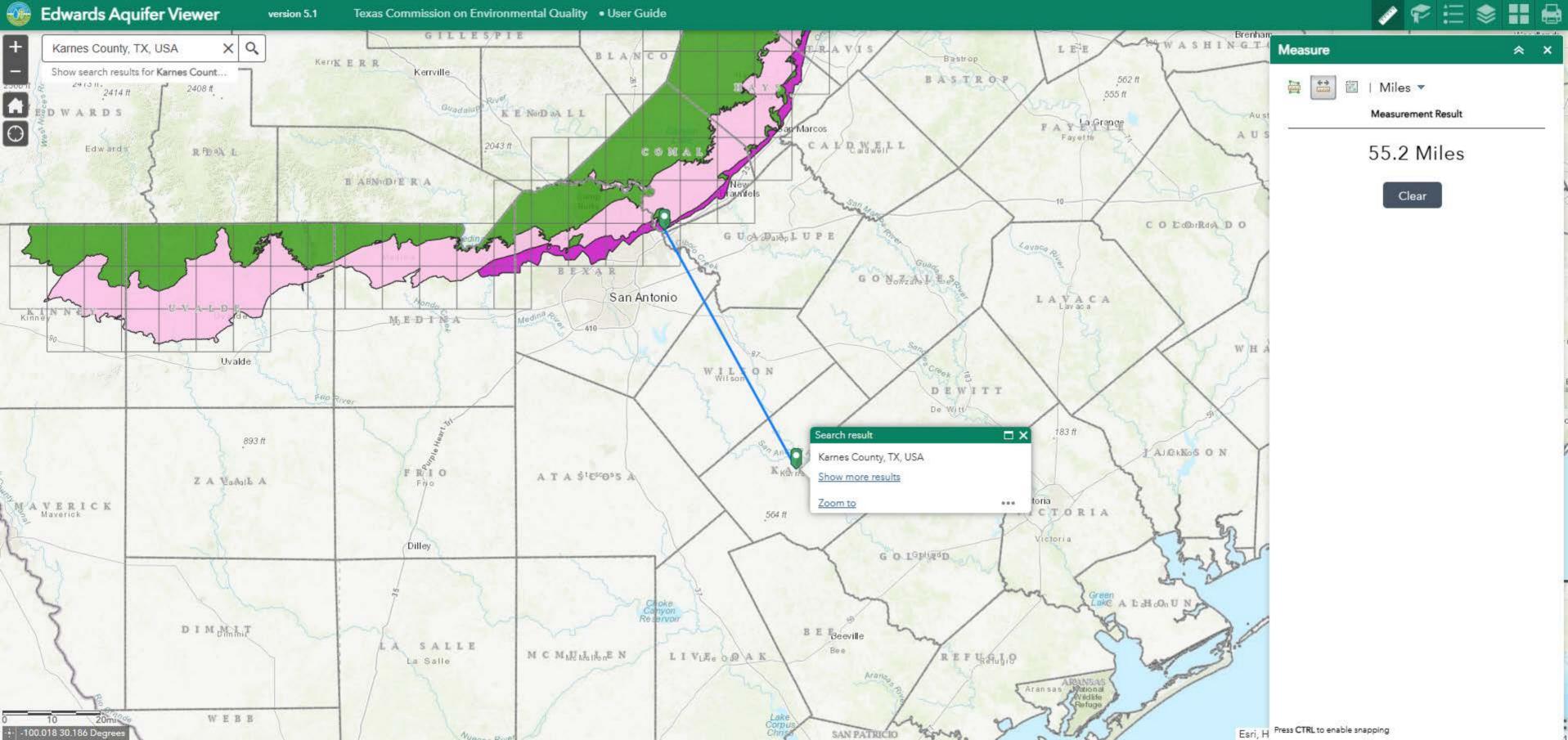
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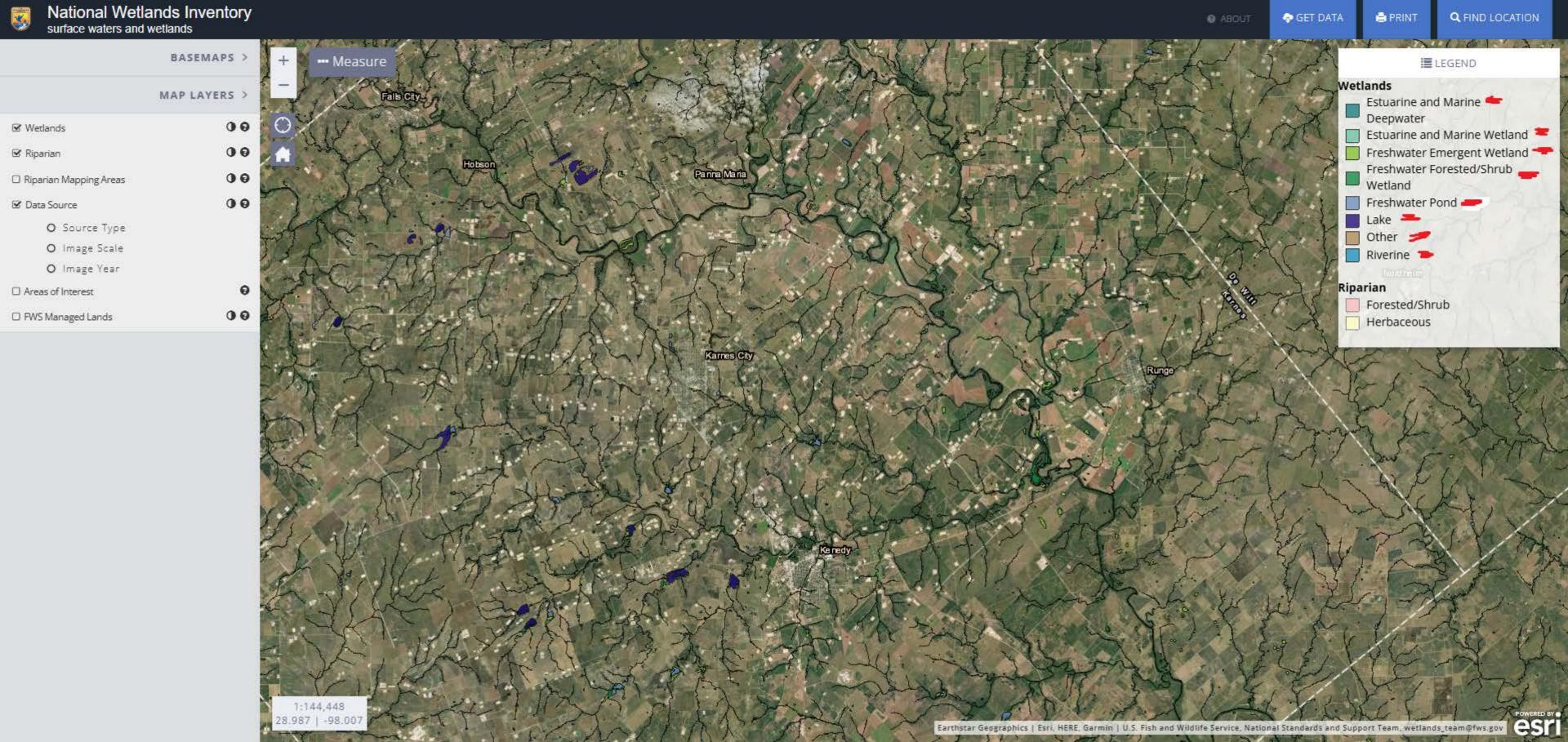
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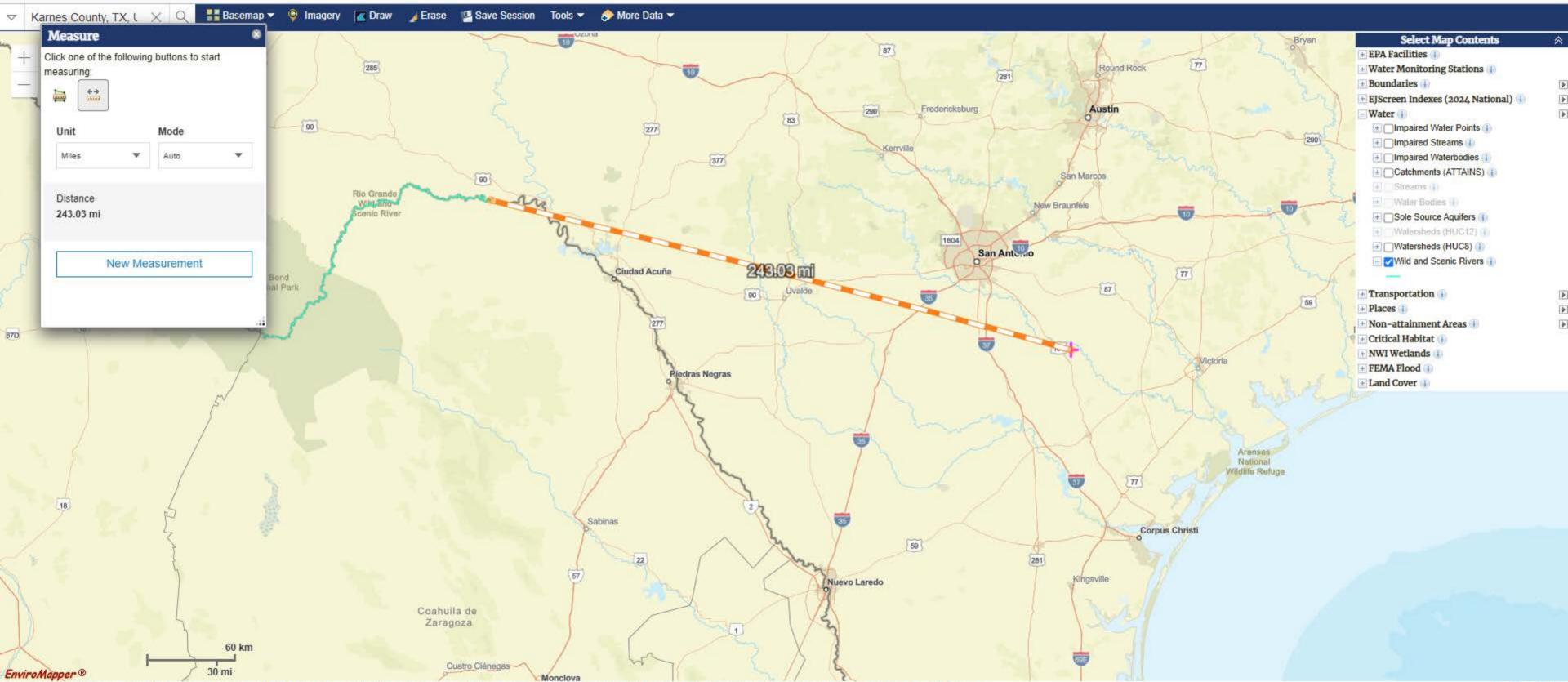
USDA.gov (https://usda.gov)

AskUSDA (https://ask,usda.gov/s/)











There are two study provisions in the Act - Section 5(a), through which Congress directs the study of select rivers, and Section 5(d)(1), which directs federal agencies to identify potential additions to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (National System) through federal agency plans. A brief explanation is provided in the following respective sections below.

#### **Current Active Studies**

Currently, there are two rivers or river systems under "authorized" study under Section 5(a) of the Wild & Scenic Rivers Act. This does not include those that might be under assessment as part of normal agency land-planning processes.

- · Kissimmee River, Florida (Public Law 117-328, December 29, 2022) Study not yet initiated by the National Park Service.
- . Little Manatee River, Florida (Public Law 117-328, December 29, 2022) Study not yet initiated by the National Park Service.

### Section 2(a)(ii) Studies

Under Section 2(a)(ii) of the Act, a governor (or governors for a river in multiple states) of a state can request that a river be designated, provided certain conditions are met (refer to the Council White Paper on Section 2(a)(ii) for specifics). The National Park Service then conducts a study to determine of certain conditions are met. Here are some of the studies conducted under Section 2(a)(ii). Again, if you don't see a study listed, we do not have a copy.

#### Section 2(a)(ii) Studies

- · Allagash River Study Report, Maine
- American River Eligibility Report, California
- American River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Big & Little Darby Creeks Study Report & Environmental Assessment, Ohio
- Eel River Eligibility Report, California
- · Eel River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Klamath River Eligibility Report, California
- Klamath River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Klamath River Study Report, Oregon
- Lumber River Study Report, North Carolina
- · New River (South Fork) Study Report & Environmental Impact Statement, North Carolina
- Smith River Eligibility Report, California
- Smith River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Trinity River Eligibility Report, California
- · Trinity River Environmental Impact Statement, California
- Wallowa River Study Report, Oregon
- Westfield River Study Report & Environmental Assessment (Initial Study 1993), Massachusetts
- · Westfield River Draft Study Report (Expansion 2002), Massachusetts

None in Texas



The immensity and wide range of landforms of Texas contribute to the variety of experiences found when visiting the state's rivers. East Texas rivers, characterized by jungle-like climate, pine-covered banks, and slow-moving currents, often provide a serene recreational experience. In comparison, central Texas rivers and streams have steeper gradients, are cut through hilly terrain, and often have stretches of white water. These waterways offer a more exciting type of recreational experience for the adventurous. Finally, the rivers in west Texas traverse extremely arid country with high bluffs and great canyons often providing true "wilderness" experiences. With more than 3,700 named streams, 15 major rivers, and some 3,300 miles of tidal shoreline along the Gulf Coast, Texas offers unlimited possibilities for paddling adventures and angling opportunities of all types.

Texas has approximately 184,797 miles of river, of which 191.2 miles are designated as wild and scenic-1/10th of 1% of the state's river miles.



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