

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Public Lands Issues

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Bentsen – Rio Grande Valley State Park

- Borderwall proposed for 9,000 feet through park
- Most of park would be south of the wall
- New concrete wall south of earthen levee topped with 18-foot steel bollard fencing
- 150-foot enforcement zone, stripped vegetation
- Lighting on top of fence
- Access gate

Effects of Borderwall on Bentsen-RGV SP

- Loss of park residences & structures in enforcement zone
- Loss of 25 – 30 of physical habitat & wildlife impacts of nocturnal lighting on add'l acres
- Physical wildlife barrier
- Ensuring safety of staff and visitors
- Public perception of safety
- Will it still be a park?

Alternatives to Borderwall

- TPWD in communication with Customs & Border Enforcement
- Lone Star Chapter made Open Records Request under Texas Public Information Act for communications between TPWD and Border Patrol
- TPWD detailed 4 alternatives to Border Patrol plan, with PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO BE NO WALL , BUT STILL ENSURE BORDER SECURITY

State Historical Sites Proposed to Transfer to Texas Historical Commission

- Battleship Texas
- Fanthorp Inn
- Fort Leaton
- Lipantitlan
- Monument Hill/Kreische Brewery
- Port Isabel Lighthouse
- San Jacinto Monument and Battleground
- Washington-on-the-Brazos

TPWD Funding

- For 2020-2021 biennium, request is \$723.2 million + exceptional items of \$200.7 million
- 2018-2019 biennium = \$853 million
- Wildlife conservation = \$70.8 million
- State and local park access = \$225.5 base plus \$20.3 million exceptional items
- Capital major repairs and acquisition = \$80.5 base + \$162 million exceptional items