



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

Commissioner

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Mr. Nyle Maxwell
President
Texas Wildlife Association
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New Braunfels, TX 78132

Dear Mr. Maxwell:

Thank you for your April 21, 2026, letter to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding border barrier construction in the U.S. Border Patrol's (USBP) Big Bend Sector in Texas. I am responding on behalf of the Department.

As stated in your letter, the Big Bend area is a rich ecological landscape with a strong economic connection to West Texas. DHS recognizes its intrinsic importance to Texans and all others who visit and enjoy the ground. Physical barrier, such as a wall, is an important tool for impedance and denial, helping to secure the border by preventing unauthorized crossings and supporting the effectiveness of other security measures. U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is implementing a border security strategy in the remaining areas of Big Bend that leverages advanced technology and the area's natural terrain. Cameras, sensors, roads, and limited low-profile post-on-rail barriers will be deployed in strategic locations to restrict unlawful vehicle access while utilizing existing natural barriers.

In particular, CBP is actively coordinating with park officials to ensure any potential construction does not impede existing public and park roads where it is possible to maintain access for agents along the border. We will continue to work with local officials, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the National Park Service to minimize impacts and ensure that USBP's operational needs are balanced with responsible land stewardship.

Should you need additional assistance, please contact me, or have a member of your staff contact the Intergovernmental Public Liaison office at cbp-intergovernmental-public-liaison@cbp.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney S. Scott".

Rodney S. Scott
Commissioner