

Email Address	Date Received:	Message:	Section 4(f):	Organization:	Letter Campaign Domain:	Attachment:	Related to Env Review:	Env. Topic:
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	Let Elon play with his toys, I wanna go to space						
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	The benefits of this program far outweigh any potential short term impacts. -A concerned American						
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	<p>an expansion to their activities at Boca Chica, TX. I have long been involved in space activities, first with the Atlas Centaur launch vehicle and later with the Space Shuttle solid rocket motor program. I strongly support SpaceX's thrust to make space launches less expensive and more efficient with regard to reuse of components. SpaceX launched 26 missions into space in 2020 alone, a record that no other launch entity, including all the global governments, have not done. They have done this with well proven test-and-improve steps in their engineering development. This reuse policy and engineering goal has saved much material and caused deeper learning into the reusability of highly engineered and highly stressed materials. It has, more importantly, reduced the cost of space launches by hundreds of millions of dollars.</p> <p>SpaceX is using Boca Chica for development of the Starship vehicle. This vehicle is destined for Mars exploration but more in the near term, for the Artemis mission to the moon. The Boca Chica site is critical to further complete this vehicle to be ready for these two important missions. Boca Chica allows SpaceX to perform test launches to altitude over the Gulf of Mexico, an important safety feature of the site. Most of us Texans support space flight as can be proved by the long term support of Johnson Space Center and other projects.</p> <p>I think the FAA has the responsibility to also support this SpaceX application so that the FAA can be directly involved in the launch business of our country. There are many lessons to be learned about aircraft clearance for launches and tests, environmental impacts, personnel training and qualification and many others.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	My concern with SpaceX plans for there path forward testing Starship/Super heavy. The concern is how many engines the super heavy will use for launch so the impact sonic boom won't damage structures and will the noise happen to affect the wildlife when super heavy lifts off the pad.						

		<p>I do not live in Boca Chica but would like to give my opinion. Reusable rockets do not have an effect in terms of hardware, because rockets do not pile in the ocean, they are reused. The only effect to be analyzed is fuel contamination. At that point it's a matter of math, you just need to make the calculations. But take this into account: China is beginning to develop reusable rockets as we speak...</p>						
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	<p>Thanks for your attention.</p> <p>I am a fervent space advocate, and everything that SpaceX is doing in Boca Chica is done safely in one of the few places in the continental US that is closest to the equator (needed for orbital launches). As we have seen from previous tests, SpaceX is a good corporate citizen and the site is one of a kind;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •SpaceX has tried to purchase as much residential land possible to minimize any residential safety issues with testing large tanks/rpckets of explosive fuel 2 miles away. •The few Boca Chica residents remaining are provided with per diems for food, incidentals and hotel rooms nearby at a safe distance if they are required to evacuate for large scale tests. •Boca Chica is extremely isolated from nearby Brownsville and south padre island so testing will be safe as possible. •They work very well with the Cameron County administration to keep residents and visitors safe •Previous FAA NOTAMS for testing have been working successfully and have not significantly impacted local air traffic. •Safety exclusion zones set up by authorities and SpaceX are working, and are adequate. •We have also seen multiple times that even in a disastrous explosion (which happens with prototypes), their current safety protocols are more than adequate. •This is the only site that meets the required geophysical location requirements for launching orbital hardware, there are no real alternatives. •Moving to a different locations will eliminate hundreds of new, well paying jobs in the depressed Brownsville economic area. 						

		<p>22nd December 2020</p> <p>Dear Sir, or Madam,</p> <p>Are you aware your email about SpaceX reached UK ?</p> <p>Group Eight presidency 2021 as leader of world Free Trade Zone to Europe policing poor has 84% Carbon emissions reduction planned by London policing causing mass walking in covid 19 winter through cost and exam as Control of the peace by denying Access to means to meet for having social connections for having children.</p> <p>Daft questions for Environment Committee from UK under impossible group eight Presidency climate change demands of president Biden 2021 Paris Climate Accord:</p> <p>Have any insects been found in Boca Chica?</p> <p>Will SpaceX be Going Green on Rocket Fuel or polluting the atmosphere more than a car?</p> <p>Can UK have the funding from rockets never fired over emissions reductions as cars UK never driven by m.o.t. cost and driver psychometric thinking pattern exam - through which supermarkets benefit by people walking by as the single people left after Furlough Payments end ?</p>					
<p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/22/2020</p> <p>12/22/2020</p>	<p>SpaceX should be allowed to do all that they propose</p>					

(b) (6)	12/22/2020	<p>Re: Your notice continuing this email, listing the deadline as Jan. 21, 2020. (Oops? We take that as Jan. 2021.) ?</p> <p>Dear SpaceX:</p> <p>We here in the Rio Grande Delta area are really proud to have you here, and often discuss your progress, root for you, etc. However, I am very concerned about the risks of a VCE given the plan to build the 3 LNG plants, and the "Jupiter Heavy Condensate" facility, also using fracked gas from the Permian Basin.</p> <p>Methane, as you know, is the worst GHG, pooling invisibly in the sky, above such LNG and other facilities working with natural gas, etc. Being lighter than other elements of air, it rises above them, and then traps in heat at 200 times worse than CO2 over its 13 year lifespan.</p> <p>The Methane will kill us before the CO2 does, and in concert with other human pollutants, spells our doom. When a small fire (or space vehicle explosion, crash, or inadvertent fire during experiments, ...) occurs down below, it can ignite the huge Methane cloud, causing a Vapor Cloud Explosion that lights up the whole sky for miles. These LNG plants are to be located within ten miles of your SpaceX facility, and surely the vapor cloud will extend indefinitely and invisibly. Should such an explosion occur, your facility would also be destroyed, plus many lives of children in schools. Our uniformed services have not been adequately trained, and funding for this and</p>					
(b) (6)	12/22/2020	<p>re: Space X, the danger of a VCE is clear and present. Please do not approve SpaceX specs as is. Conduct, please, an authentic review process, not a mere EA, but engage the whole environmental picture. Since Trump Administration changed NEPA to disallow consideration of "cumulative effects" in environmental assessment, we demand a comprehensive cumulative review and a clear policy of reverting to Pre-Trumpian good order in environmental review processes. Thank you for your prompt attention to this very real danger of Vapor Cloud Explosions, and other environmental damage from a greatly enhanced footprint which recent SPACE X developments constitute.</p> <p>Sincerely, (b) (6)</p> <p>Annova site, not far from Bahia Grande, and within ten miles of SpaceX/BocaChica</p>					
(b) (6)	12/23/2020	when is next test on star ship because I like space and science					

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/23/2020</p>	<p>I am a great supporter of SpaceX and what it is doing in Boca Chica Texas. I have visited the site and will do so again in the future. I personally can attest to the fact that SpaceX is doing their part to protect the area. When I first arrived I parked by the side of the road in a wildlife area and SpaceX security came and informed me that I should not park there and asked me to move. Also, the injection of thousands of good paying jobs is a great help to South Texas.</p> <p>-- (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/23/2020</p>	<p>Hello, I am writing concerning the environmental assessment currently underway for SpaceX's Boca Chica, TX, operations. It would be a failure on the part of the FAA not to expeditiously approve this application. The changes in SpaceX's plans should not require an enhanced assessment at all, as they are barely significant. I hope the FAA will consider the luck they have to be a part of the future of commercial spaceflight. Please don't squander this opportunity. I will be writing my representatives requesting the removal of the FAA from all processes related to spaceflight, as it is clear the agency is not well equipped to deal with 21st century issues. Thank you, (b) (6)</p> <p>Engineer and spaceflight enthusiast</p>						

		<p>Please do not allow SpaceX permissions to fly from Boca Chica Village or any where along the 200 miles of coast line of the nationally protected Laguna Madre. It is a safe nesting ground for Kemp's Ridley sea turtles and a haven for over 380 bird species. The noise would drive the birds from their natural habitat and the immense amount of fuel would fill the skies causing unpleasant odors and air and water pollution.</p> <p>Laguna Madre is approximately 130 miles long, the length of Padre Island in the US. The main extensions include Baffin Bay in Upper Laguna Madre, Red Fish Bay just below the Saltillo Flats, and South Bay near the Mexican border. As a natural ecological unit, the Laguna Madre of the United States is the northern half of the ecosystem as a whole, which extends into Tamaulipas, Mexico ca. 144 miles south of the US border, to the vicinity of the Rio Soto La Marina and the town of La Pesca,</p> <p>Thank You,</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	(b) (6)						
		<p>Please support SpaceX operations at the Boca Chica, TX facility for launch to orbit operations. The addition of this facility provides additional access to Space for all Americans!</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Don</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Don						

		<p>To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>There is a definite need for a new environmental assessment (EIS) for Space X on Boca Chica Beach as the company has changed the scope of its space program under the guise of the old environmental assessment in an attempt to avoid scrutiny for its updated operations, and how it will impact the health and safety of the surrounding communities and especially the refuges, parks, and beaches which are ecotourism economic drivers for the region. SpaceX's originally stated intention for Boca Chica, where the company broke ground in 2014, was for up to 12 commercial launches a year using SpaceX's Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy rockets. The company later decided intentionally to develop and test Starship — which is being designed to carry humans to the Moon and Mars some day — at Boca Chica. How does a company suddenly decide to change its scope of space exploration?</p> <p>So, the program has changed as well as the good will of the community while Elon Musk attempts to squeeze out the Boca Chica Village community for SpaceX needs and wants by buying out or making their village nearly unlivable and miserable for those who will not sell out to Musk.</p> <p>There have been SpaceX explosions, debris, and pollution of the area while the environment is altered and damaged (space fuel endangering and killing turtles) for the changing whims of a corporation for its own profit while the surrounding communities, ecosystems, and economies sicken and die.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>impacts to refuges, parks and beaches</p>					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Edinburg, Texas - formerly of Laguna Vista, Texas						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Comments, SpaceX, Orbit. (Picture) Felipe C.						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>Dear FAA,</p> <p>I am writing to express my support for SpaceX's application. If the US is to maintain its dominance in space, it is essential SpaceX be allowed to continue its work developing Starship. I humbly ask you to grant their license/permission.</p> <p>Yours,</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>						

(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>FAA: I think the SpaceX Starship will have to prove out it self for a number of years of flight hours to prove it is reliable for liftoff flights over the USA. Elon Musk wants to run the Starship like an airline and to cut the cost, fights out of Texas would help. The day will come when rockets fights to and from space will be as safe as an airplane. But not right now, after 100,000 or 200,000 safe takeoffs' and landings, then think about it. Thank you for letting me comment. Regards, (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>Hello, Let them test their rocket in orbit! The environmental cost would be marginal compared to the benefits for the US and humans. Thank you, (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	/24/2020	<p>Just don't screw up and you have nothing to worry about, do not use anything that will harm the environment, use common sense!!!!</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>I wanted to give you my opinion on SpaceX flight operations in Boca Chica. The goal of making the human species multi-planetary is absolutely essential to our future. Please streamline the process when possible and get Space X flying! Thank You, (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>To Whom It May Concern, I fully support SpaceX's plan to evolve and expand its Boca Chica facility into a full service launch facility for its Starship and other rockets. There will obviously be environmental concerns, but such concerns would exist any place on Earth. Progress, not just for the United States, but the entire planet, cannot be held back by such concerns. Furthermore, competing facilities will certainly be built in China, Russia and elsewhere, and this is a critical opportunity to keep this operation and the jobs it creates in the United States. Sincerely, (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>Please license them, SpaceX is revolutionizing spaceflight. Do not block innovation crucial to humanity's future. (b) (6)</p>						

		<p>them to continue with rocket launches at Boca Beach. It affects the local population by taking away a very popular fishing and recreation area, with the numerous scheduled and unscheduled closures of the area due to testing their new rockets engines and rocket designs. Their last two launch attempts have ended up with the rocket exploding on either take off or landing. What guarantees are you the FAA going to give the people of the area that the more powerful rockets are going to make it safely to orbit and come crashing down in the Lower Rio Grande Valley or the waters of the Lower Laguna Madre or the coastal waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Please see the article below, just so you can see what the environmental impact this could affect if they continue with experiments of non proven technology.</p> <p>Due to its unique ecological features, South Bay was designated a Coastal Preserve in 1984. In addition to its extensive seagrass beds and stands of black mangroves, it also supports the only significant population of Easter Oysters south of Corpus Christi Bay. Because this is an extremely shallow bay, there is very little large boat traffic. Two interesting physical characteristics of South Bay are the "Table Top," a very shallow flat covered by seagrass in the North West quarter of the bay, and the old Boca Chica channel that was the outlet for the Lower Laguna Madre to the Gulf before the ship channel was cut.</p> <p>South Bay and its wind-tidal flats, shallow depths, associated vegetation and unique location provides excellent feeding, resting and wintering habitat for numerous types of migratory bird species, such as White Pelicans, Brown Pelicans, Cormorants, Gadwalls,</p>	Impacts to fishing and recreation areas; closures					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Let it fly; Yes expand and fly the Starship						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	You absolutely must license SpaceX to launch Starship to orbit. The only positive future for humanity absolutely depends on it. If you don't, someone will.						

		<p>Hello, It is vitally important that SpaceX is allowed to continue to launch the starship rocket. The environmental impact of SpaceX is far less than the impact of previous NASA programs. SpaceX has picked up and carried the mantle of environmental responsibility by using oxidizing propellants and the green goals of Elon Musk's other companies. A commercially viable, reusable starship opens the final frontier to all Americans and that goal is more important now than ever before. It is an inspiration to the American public to witness this new age of space flight we are in and it would be an injustice to snuff out the program in the midst of its new golden age. I understand the environmental concerns of having more low earth orbit launches but SpaceX has shown responsible and sustainable practices. I hope to have made a compelling case for Starship in Texas.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Thank you						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	flight from Texas Yes, do it.						
		<p>Dear Sir or Madame, I have been working in the environmental field for 31 years and have submitted many EAs. SpaceX is already doing suborbital flights from the site and orbital flights cause less environmental impact. I personally think this should be allowed quickly. Impact to air emissions are probably the same and are negligible from high altitude. Once in orbit, there is little risk to the ground and the environment. Should the craft crash on take-off, SpaceX should be required to remediate the soil and groundwater if necessary. THANKS! (b) (6) Vice President (b) (6) Office: (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020							
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Star ship as long as the wild life is taken care of like the hatching turtles I see no reason why SpaceX cannot launch from Boca Chica.						
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	I support SpaceX Starship development at Boca Chica. John Peterson						

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Review for continuing operations at the SpaceX Boca Chica facility in Texas.

My interest in the project stems from a lifelong interest in the US Space Program. I remember watching as Neil Armstrong walked on the moon. That inspiring moment helped guide me into a career in metallurgical engineering. I closely followed the Space Shuttle and ISS programs that are/were great achievements for the USA. The technology gained from these programs is hard to fathom. But more importantly, the quest for discovery and the potential for human experiences beyond Earth were made real.

I do not have a background in environmental sciences so I am not qualified to say whether or not SpaceX has the technical capacity to operate in Boca Chica in an environmentally legal and conscientious way. However, I do feel confident that SpaceX has shown due respect to the wetlands and coastal area in their work so far.

Frankly, setting up the Starship manufacturing, testing, and flight operations anywhere in the US presents a significant challenge. But Boca Chica may be the near ideal location for this enterprise. The location is quite isolated, near the coast, and most importantly, close to the equator. There just aren't many other viable choices that offer all that Boca Chica has. While there may be a select few alternative locations, I'd bet that the environmental factors and public acceptance would perhaps pose a bigger challenge to success. I defer to the environmental experts to discuss how the impact can be minimized. My thoughts on this Public Scope are more centered on the need for this program to continue in order to serve the great interests of the United States, it's citizens, and the human race as a

		<p>For what they are worth, my thoughts on granting SpaceX permits to launch from TX are positive overall.</p> <p>A few notions that guide my thinking are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This kind of advancement is going to take place somewhere; I would rather it take place in a location we have access to, and can monitor / regulate, rather than an offshore or even out of country site. - Again, since this is going to happen somewhere, by some company, I favor supporting SpaceX to set the standard because they are the first and only space / aeronautical firm to show that they have invested themselves in the culture of renewable energy, reusable components, and any consideration at all for environmental impact. While these are my two strongest points, there are other factors that cause me to err on the side of SpaceX. As a molecular biology major, researcher, and bio-technician I think the approach Musk's projects take with regard to understanding a problem or need, and then meeting it with particular attention to the way natural and human resources must support it over time is far more thoughtful than the competition. <p>One example is simply the level of care shown for the workforce on day one of the job. It isn't every company's position to grant health coverage for the whole family, emergent child care for an employee, or retirement benefits at the first day of work.</p> <p>Their commitment to renewable energy infrastructure and the conservation of fuels in the process of space exploration is comparatively good too. (This is of course relative to the industry we are talking about, presently space travel is still... well, rocket fueled.)</p>					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	<p>I am in favor of space exploration but have some concerns.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If every country has a company that wants to explore space, is there some intercountry agreement that coordinates who can enter space and when/ colonize planets 2. Same idea with satellites. Are we obscuring view of space and ability for future missions with satellites and who regulates this? <p>What if Mexico does the same and 100 other countries. What collaboration exists? Should we start it?</p>					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	There are no issues.					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	ICF,					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	We need this for USA/Texas they have our full support !					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Let SpaceX Do It!!! (Smiley face emoji) (b) (6)					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Gothenburg, NE 69138					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	I have a solution, but I will need compensation.					
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Let them fly!					

(b) (6)	12/24/2020	1.The launch path should not be over populated areas. Failure probabilities with path deviation during launch must be considered. 2.We wish Elon and SpaceX GODSPEED and every success.							
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	Dear FAA, Please allow spacex to come out and fly with their starship in Tx. I promise we will watch every launch 🚀 and play nice and safe. Thank you.							
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	My input Go space x take us to the true meaning of above and beyond for ever live the true meaning of space travel!!!!							
(b) (6)	12/24/2020	YES I am writing to express my support for SpaceX. I am happy to see them do more testing and eventually fly us to the stars. Thank you.							
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	Really, I believe Space X has already performed that task with orbital space missions, including manned missions to the INST. So, what's the delay? Cut them out a license, I don't see any one else from the USA Performing these greatly successful missions.....so SLAM IT! Give it to them so we can go to the MOON and MARS. Thanks ELON!!! And Space X!!! GO NASA!!!							
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	It's an advancement into the next era of spaceflight, and must be done so accordingly, by the regulations set forth by the FAA. I full heartedly believe in their ability to launch, and land safely — With a focus upon health and safety upon the residents, it will guarantee for a better future, as well as, more tourism to the area. I've enjoyed watching their launches live, but I'd wish for more 360° videos.							

(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>The horror of SpaceX launching the massive Starship series near potential Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Refineries and Tankers ; To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>It is simply unconscionable that the FAA would allow SpaceX to launch their rockets (of any sort!) within 5 miles of where Texas LNG will be located as well as nearby Rio Grande LNG and Annova LNG. Now SpaceX wants to blow us all to smithereens with their SN9 prototype and other massive rocket ships. SpaceX has had many launch explosions and other mishaps to be launching near the more-dangerous LNG terminals (euphemism for refineries) and tankers. Please exhibit some common sense and stop this potential existential threat to our communities. Do not allow them to launch their rockets with LNG terminals in close proximity.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Please Rapidly Approve SpaceX Starship Port in South Texas; Hi FAA,</p> <p>I have nothing highly technical or detailed to bring to your attention. I just wanted to say, please take it easy on SpaceX regulation. They are a responsible corporation, and, absent any future outrageous irresponsible acts on their part, deserve to be regulated lightly. Their mission (advancing affordable space exploitation and exploitation) is essential to the human future. That's why I urge you to PLEASE take it easy, on regulating their South Texas space-port.</p> <p>Thanks! (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Let Elon expand Space X in the area, it will be great for our community!</p> <p>Thank you</p>						

(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Statement in support of SpaceX expansion In Texas ; To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of my full, personal support in favor of allowing SpaceX to launch space vehicles to suborbital and to orbit from its location in Boca Chica, Texas.</p> <p>I believe that furthering the work started even before there was a NASA is so important to the future of our planet and our species, and to other considerations that we have not even imagined as yet, that they deserve the full support of our government and all of our citizens.</p> <p>Unless further study discloses some specific extreme danger to the earth, the atmosphere or the citizens who live nearby, I personally cast my vote to approve SpaceX request to expand their facility, conduct tests as needed, create structures required to support an expanded mission and to launch vehicles into suborbit or orbit from it.</p> <p>Go, SpaceX!</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion and to be heard.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>					
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Allow SpaceX to fly. They have made good faith offers on the land nearby, and they are driving the future of humanity in space. Allow them to fly as often as they want.</p>					
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Launching the Starships from Boca Chica is great for Texas and whole South Texas area. FAA should give SpaceX the license. It brings a lot of excitement to public at large and good for the economy.</p>					
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>The faa would like to shutdown your program in the long run or make its presence difficult be where</p>					
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>Let SpaceX Build and Launch Rockets at Boca Chica;</p> <p>Hi,</p> <p>Definitely let SpaceX do its thing at Boca Chica! Besides Florida it is the best site for orbital launches. Actually, it is better than Florida. They can land their Super Heavy booster in Florida after launching from Texas, if they want.</p> <p>All in favor of SpaceX's plan to launch Starship at Boca Chica!</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>					

<p>(b) (6) (b) (6)</p>	<p>12/25/2020</p>	<p>This will have less impact, then your rockets that burn up in atmosphere, n come crashing back to earth. Instead of building new rockets continually, there will be one rocket... no more space trash. The environment you stand on is like those spaceships... Being propelled in orbit. Take care of it, but come on! Hey... You guys know what happened to that 5 billion that Elon recieved to build the hyperloop? Just wondering... After that, all I saw was that stupid dragon spacecraft, which BTW there was a spy plane named dragon for 2 years before that... Where's that 5 billion.... Who wrote the news article, and where's my hyperloop!!!!!!</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/25/2020</p>	<p>I think it's a great idea!</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/25/2020</p>	<p>In general, I commend the efforts and development of SpaceX. Their accomplishments have been outstanding. I support the request of SpaceX to further develop the Boca Chica launch for orbital operations.</p> <p>I have one concern and recommendation for the FAA and other agency approvers. The concern is future space travel. As companies develop space travel, more and more sites are likely to be requested for development. Due to the physics of launching a vehicle into space, the most valued real estate is the most southern locations of the US, limiting cost efficient launches to Southern California, Texas, and Florida. I believe that in the long term, granting this permit to SpaceX would give them an unfair advantage in future space flight.</p> <p>I propose to grant SpaceX the request with the following stipulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Guaranteed exclusive use of the launch site for 15 years (Unless needed for National Security, which should be strictly defined). 2) After 15 years, allow the launch site to be used by other commercial venders with such normal and reasonable pad operations costs to be reimbursed to SpaceX from those venders. <p>I believe the above stipulations should be required in order to prevent dozens of potential future launch sites and to prevent an unfair advantage to SpaceX.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>Pilot, Nuclear Power Operator, Chemical Engineer, and Science Enthusiast.</p>						

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/25/2020</p>	<p>Dear FAA staff, Merry Christmas (or happy holidays if you prefer!) I am fully in favor of allowing commercial space operators WHO HAVE DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE, SKILL, AND EXPERIENCE to launch orbital and lunar missions from anywhere in the continental United States. Thus far, SpaceX, in ten years, has shown great skill in developing four different engines (Merlin-1, Merlin-9, Merlin-1C, and Raptor) and four different vehicles (Falcon 1, Falcon 9, Falcon 9, and in development, Starship). SpaceX has revolutionized reusable vehicles, both with land and drone-ship landings of their first-stage rocket. They've even coughed fairings. None of this has EVER been done before by ANYONE, not the DoD, not DARPA, not Boeing, not ULA, NOBODY. SpaceX has shown great ability to adapt, improvise, and overcome any challenges. For these reasons SpaceX has shown itself to be a cut above all other "players" in the industry. The other "players" take government money and do not perform. SpaceX takes much less government money and gets the job done. Please accept this as my formal support and request for SpaceX to launch from wherever the FAA has jurisdiction. V/R (b) (6)</p>						
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(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>As a middle school teacher of earth science, chemistry, and rocketry, I would like to express my opinion of expansion of the SpaceX facility at Boca Chica, TX.</p> <p>First, I know little of the full scale of the impacts that expansion of the facility would have on the environment. I do, however, know of the tremendous positive impact that the work that SpaceX continues to do towards advancing human aeronautics has on the students I teach everyday.</p> <p>Whenever I share the latest video released, or updates to big space travel projects it rejuvenates my student's interest in space and science in general.</p> <p>My student's generation has never known the thrill and wonder of human travels to places beyond low earth orbit and SpaceX is making what once science fiction a reality.</p> <p>Please do whatever is needed to ensure the development of the facility at Boca Chica continues so that young people around the world may celebrate the passion of human perseverance and cooperation in their lifetime.</p> <p>Sincerely, (b) (6) s.</p>					
(b) (6)	12/25/2020	<p>The FAA needs to stay out of it. The government has no business meddling in private efforts.</p> <p>All you do is destroy everything you touch.</p> <p>Get Out, (b) (6)</p>					
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>You need to let Starship fly to orbit from Texas.</p> <p>Thank you. -- (b) (6)</p>					
(b) (6) (b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>Even though I live in Vermont, Space X's plans for Starship are incredibly exciting and one that I keep track of on a regular basis. Their dramatic innovations and low-cost methods put past (and present) space endeavours to shame. We should be able to make going into space affordable and we should have bold visions for space. I strongly support Space X's plans in Boca Chica. No one else in the world is doing what Space X is doing. It is an American treasure.</p> <p>(b) (6) (b) (6)</p>					
	12/26/2020	I fully support SpaceX's orbital launches from Boca Chica.					

(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>Please allow this project to proceed; As a long time supporter of space flight in the US. Please allow this project to proceed without conflict or reservation. This project is needed for the world and the US to continue its success in space flight and human space flight. Please continue to provide me and others updates on this matter.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>FAA, Yes, please approve! I think the future of mankind is very much hinged on the success of this program. Boca Chica, Texas is the most ideal location in the world for the Starship development and continued operations to take place for so many reasons. So YES, please approve SpaceX's plan to fly Starship rockets to orbit from Boca Chica, Texas. Thx, (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>Scottsdale, AZ 85259</p> <p>Hello FAA, Yes, we (my family and I) think it would be awesome to have SpaceX being able to get to orbit from Texas. Please allow them to, it will enable a much brighter future for all of humanity! Greetings from Holland, (b) (6)</p>						

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/26/2020</p>	<p>Columbia, IL</p> <p>I would like to submit my comments regarding the SpaceX project at Boca Chica, TX.</p> <p>I support this project, in this location, as the site exhibits some of the best possible features for locating a large rocket launching facility. First, the site is located as far south as reasonably possible within the continental US, with the possible exception of the Florida Keys. Locating south means better rocket performance to orbit, which is always a critical engineering factor in rocket launching. And staying within the US borders is critical for national security.</p> <p>Second, the location is also very remote, with at least 4 miles of clear range to the nearest significant public area on South Padre Island. This is comparable to the separation at Kennedy Space Center, with the large pads there only 4 miles from the public access beaches at Playalinda. And it's over 10 miles to any significant residential areas.</p> <p>Third, I think anyone would be challenged to find an alternate suitable location for such a site.</p> <p>Lastly, while there may indeed be some environmental impacts, the public good should outweigh these concerns. The US needs a new spaceport, and this location is by far the best available in the US, with the least impact to the coastal environment.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/26/2020</p>	<p>Brownsville, TX</p> <p>Space x should have as much freedom and allowance to conduct their tests and launches as necessary. Their mission is in pursuit of human survival. This mission is as important as the fight against climate change.</p> <p>They have my 100% support to do what is necessary to get a self sustaining colony on Mars as soon as possible.</p> <p>Thank you</p>						

(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>I say Yes. Here are my reasons to approve the SpaceX flight plans for Boca Chica, TX.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SpaceX rockets have revolutionized the space industry. Allowing access to LEO in a safer, reusable, and cost effective way. 2. Allowing the launch facilities at SpaceX Boca Chica to operate under the FAA's guidelines for safe and secure launches to space. 3. Prototypes SN1-SN8 have gained valuable data to further the safety of the final complete Starship. 4. Allowing launches to be done over the Gulf is an ideal location for the aggressive and innovative goals of Elon Musk and SpaceX. 5. Finally, jobs resources construction and tourism aspects of this complex will further develop as time goes on. <p>Plowing the way and spearheading the operations to space have started with NASA, and have now grown to private companies developing rockets. We are living in changing times, and this decision may require a change in views to be able to see this as a positive thing. As for me and my personal opinion... Yes, let them fly. Let them all fly. Who knows, maybe one day I will be aboard one of those rockets launching from that site in the future.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>Let SpaceX build an orbital space port ; Dear government deciders, Don't just let them do it, help them. SpaceX is doing more to improve tech for our species than possibly all other companies combined. Also, imagine the value SpaceX tech will have for military uses? You guys can pretty much take what you want and classify all the really great stuff. There's not a ton of downside. Best Rick</p>						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>All environmental concerns aside, look at the plot of land and resources used as compared to the facilities used to manufacture other kinds of rockets. Is it even a competition that SpaceX should be able to use Boca Chica for the purpose of building an interplanetary launch system? The next generation of the human race is at stake, the future of our race is at stake here.</p>						

		<p>SpaceX from Texas is Great! ; SpaceX building their launch facility in Texas is the most exciting thing happening in aerospace these days. It will foster the growth of space flight in the US, and inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers, pushing humanity further into the future!</p> <p>Please allow this facility to further grow and let SpaceX develop their next generation rocket there - what an amazing opportunity!</p> <p>Thanks,</p>						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	James						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	I think this a great idea from an innovative space company .						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	I suggest that this agency allow SpaceX to advance their plans unimpeded.						
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>I strongly endorse the SpaceX Boca Chica Starship development (and operation) program at Boca Chica in Texas.</p> <p>Some of the more obvious benefits that I foresee include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Greater quality of life for local residents due to a wider range of job opportunities and larger paychecks, across the board. 2.Greater funding and student enthusiasm for schools. 3.Greater funding and technical resources for local government-run programs, such as environmental health and wildlife protection. 4.Increased enrollment in STEM educational programs, resulting in more engineers, scientists, and doctors needed to solve present and future challenges. 5.Accelerated world-wide technical developments in science, engineering, medicine, and all sectors of society. 6.Faster implementation of low cost high-speed internet access for airlines, maritime traffic, and rural regions around the world. 7.Dramatic cost reductions for access to space, resulting in more pervasive environmental monitoring, communication services, and larger space telescopes. 8.Wide-ranging scientific advances and dramatic social impacts resulting from extensive human exploration of the Moon, Mars, and near earth asteroids. 9.The likely expansion of the FAA to encompass world-wide ultra-rapid sub-orbital passenger transport services and commercial orbital passenger services. <p>In comparison, the obvious downsides appear less significant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •More limited access to a tiny segment of the 367 mile Texas coastline. 						

(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>Hello, my name is Vincent Borrel, I dwell in Marseille, France. Given the scope of the project, in metric distances considered as well as at large to mankind, the frenchman in me just feels like my public opinion should be appropriate. Please, please, please, let these nice fellows there as much as possible make mankind reach multiplanetary state, in the most respectful manner possible to all species, but keeping in mind what is at play. Love you all from France. Vince.</p>					
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>I am very much against expanding SpaceX's use of Boca Chica Beach. This is a state park and a community asset. We need to keep this area open for community use. Thank you, (b) (6)</p>					
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	<p>rate over the last few months. I fully support the project as a whole and believe the area will benefit substantially through a huge boost in employment as well as a host of peripheral businesses. Not to mention an awesome branding opportunity for local businesses by having the worldwide spotlight placed on Cameron County. I have just a few concerns which I think could be easily addressed; 1. The massive increase in traffic on the road to Boca Chica has taken a big toll on the wildlife, animals are run over daily. I feel the speed limit is too high (55 mph) and the people driving on this road (mostly SpaceX employees and contractors) exceed this limit by a lot! 2. The road is breaking up due to the huge increase in traffic including many trucks. This is detrimental to the Brownsville population who use this road to access the beach for recreation. I feel the EIA should include mitigating the impact on the road. 3. At present, when testing is being done, locals are completely banned from entry into the wildlife refuge area 15 miles from the launch facility even though the FAA stipulate a much smaller radius. This is having a negative impact on locals as well as tourists who come to birdwatch in one of the most unique areas for winter birds in the USA. In summary, I would like to see the road surface improved, speed limit reduced and enforced (maybe fencing and wildlife bridges would help), and the current exclusion of local people during testing to be confined to the FAA recommended radius as mitigating factors in the EIA. Sincerely, (b) (6)</p>					

(b) (6)	12/26/2020	Im all in for spacex orbital flight from boca chica... please note i would love to be a part of future mission to Mars... no return needed ill give all i have to mankind so we can be interplanetary specie..					
(b) (6)	12/26/2020	I personally think that Elon's plan to launch from Texas is wonderful. The more access we have to space is one more option in the quest to make humans an Interplanetary species. Such expanding the capabilities of our species to survive on another planet in our solar system could open a would of unknown possibilities and help to replenish resources here on earth. The possibilities are endless and this is why I think that Starship is a great plan. (b) (6)					
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	Hi, I wanted to provide public comments on the environmental assessment for the SpaceX Super Heavy Project at Boca Chica. I'm reading about the project here: https://www.faa.gov/space/stakeholder_engagement/spacex_starship/ However, I wasn't able to find any maps of the proposed changes. Is the FAA going to be making such information available? Thanks!					
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	I just really hope that this doesn't close or restrict boca chica beach access for the public. It is an invaluable area to us and we couldn't live without it.	beach access				
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	I can understand that there may be unforeseen environmental impacts from Starship/Super Heavy flights out of Boca Chica, and if those impacts are going to be really severe, I guess I can see asking them to move launches elsewhere. However, I'd like to posit my strong support for you finding the most expeditious means possible of helping SpaceX get this absolutely revolutionary spacecraft in (and up out of) the air. Thanks! Jason Anderson Lincoln, NE -- (b) (6) Cultiva Espresso & Crepes downtown: (b) (6) (b) (6)					

		<p>After 4 years of Trump the US has lost most of its status and influence throughout the world. Former allies of the US are now watching in shock and amazement as the US presidency unravels during the final days prior to the transition. The FAA has also lost respect and trust following the debacle with Boeing. Probably the only banners of America which still are still flying high and which still earn widespread admiration in the world are SpaceX and Tesla. Allowing SpaceX to develop and launch rockets to orbit from Boca Chica will help the US to restore their international standing - but you have a long way to go.</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>former professor, University of Amsterdam</p>						
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	Netherlands						
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	<p>Dear FAA,</p> <p>While I live in Massachusetts and have no say in what happens in south Texas I am both a space fan and an environmentalist. I am writing this email in response to the ask for comments on SpaceX's proposed facility expansion in Boca Chica.</p> <p>I am fully in support of SpaceX's proposed facilities provided they are built with the utmost care to do as little damage as possible to the surrounding wetlands and that the gas facilities proposed eventually become as close to carbon neutral as possible. Boca Chica clearly has the potential to be the next Cape Canaveral and I fully support this endeavor.</p> <p>Thank you kindly,</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	<p>As a resident of San Benito, Cameron County, Texas, I would like to recommend that SpaceX be given permits to conduct orbital launches from their Boca Chica facility.</p> <p>I am a retired NASA Langley Researcher and Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Arkansas State University living within 20 miles.</p> <p>The benefits from there work overwhelmingly outweigh the unlikely hazards expressed by a few others.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>						

(b) (6)	12/27/2020	<p>This should be approved. Any environmental impact is of minor significance given the barren nature of the launch site. Whatever lower life forms are on site will adapt. It's Texas. Please fast track your regulatory review with approval. Thank you.</p> <p>-(b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	<p>Extreme Environmental Risk; I'll keep this as short and to the point as possible. In 2013 a small ~30ft wide meteorite exploded in the atmosphere over a small city in Russia that only blew out some windows. In 1908 a slightly bigger ~200ft wide asteroid exploded over some rural forest also in Russia, but the damage was 2,000 square miles of ecosystem completely destroyed - an entire forest flattened by an explosion 1,000x more powerful than the bomb dropped on Hiroshima.</p> <p>These events aren't common, but they do happen and they're as of yet unstoppable and generally undetectable. We have no protections in place to prevent a disaster like that from occurring anywhere (nor do we have a way to reliably detect small asteroids like those mentioned). The reason we don't is expense. A system to both detect and prevent a random asteroid strike is immense and as a result, impossible to get political and corporate support.</p> <p>The first part of the solution here is Starship. If the program is successful, it will give NASA, JAXA, ESA, etc affordable industrial access to space on a level far ahead of anything we have today. The end-result is that a meteor detection/prevention system would be significantly easier to achieve at both the financial and political levels. We could finally be on the path to handling this immense invisible danger that plagues our world. I know this doesn't apply as an immediate concern to Boca Chica's environment, but I believe the potential benefit long-term safety of the global ecosystem should be noted.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/27/2020	<p>When is Starship/Super Heavy will be launched?</p>						

(b) (6)	12/28/2020	<p>As requested. I will look at reviewing notable documents relating to EIS review and Impact mitigation measures. Comments to be forthcoming. May I contact you regarding this matter for additional information? Thank you for this opportunity.</p> <p>t/r (b) (6)</p>						
(b) (6)	12/28/2020	<p>I would like to request that FAA approve SpaceX 's Environmental Impact Review Licensing. SpaceX is a very large employer in South West Texas and provides a huge tax and economic positives for the local government's. They bring in money in Lodging, food, car rentals, local supply orders etc. People come to see and visit the area because of SpaceX and its History Making of the Starship and Super Heavy rockets. SpaceX has brought Job Security to an area that needed it badly. SpaceX has done everything they can to mitigate flooding, reduce road closures, and to mitigate any Impact that building might interfere with local environment and wildlife. They are good stewards of the land. I Urge the FAA to approve there application so that they may continue to work on History making ideas. Please only publish my Name nothing else.</p> <p>Thank You for your time and consideration.</p>						
(b) (6)	12/29/2020	<p>Let Mr. Musk launch whatever he would like. He is pushing human development and exploration more than any man in history. He is energizing a new generation of youth to the possibilities of the future and he has no fear of failure. That in a world where we are always supposed to succeed and be given trophies just for participating is refreshing. God bless Elon Musk and all of his crazy ideas. The world needs more like him</p>						

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>12/29/2020</p>	<p>Dear FAA. My Name and Address are: (b) (6) (b) (6) I wish to express my support for Space X expanding its launch schedule. The excitement of rockets launching from our neighborhood is palpable. Further, the economic impact will be great, not only as to job creation, but also tax base, tourism, and payroll tax. I am a wet fly fisherman and go to the Boca Chica Jetty (which requires me to pass the Space X facility on Hwy 4) on a regular basis. The fishing there is great and the location is more desolate than the Jetty on South Padre Island. The expanded launch schedule will cause me to divert to the South Padre Island Jetty ever so often, but that is OK with me. I support Space X and its tentative expansion.</p>					
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		<p>As a native Texan born raised and living in Texas for most of my 50 years, I wanted to make my knowledge and opinion known to you as you engage in your stated goals to consider "1) public safety issues (such as overflight of populated areas and payload contents); 2) national security or foreign policy concerns; 3) insurance requirements for the launch operator; and 4) potential environmental impact." before making your decision regarding the request of SpaceX.</p> <p>Since my twin brother and I first watched the space shuttle launch in 4th grade, we have been eager with anticipation of every new accomplishment made by NASA and the US in space leading toward humanity's off world future. Little did we know at the time that the near earth launches of the space shuttle were going to be the extent of human space flight for the bulk of our lives. Even the ISS, which seemed late in coming, turned out to be a toe in the water that didn't compel us any further. SpaceX has given my brother and I and countless others from our generation hope for the future that we had been anticipating for many decades now. SpaceX isn't just pushing themselves, they are pushing the entire space industry from NASA to fledgeling private companies who now see a path for them, to other nations. SpaceX is pushing the entire world. Space X is the boy who runs past his friends dipping their toes in the pool to jump in full cannonball! After a smile and a laugh, all the other kids are inspired to jump in beside them! Where NASA was peeking through a keyhole, SpaceX is swinging the door to space wide open and</p>						
(b) (6)	12/31/2020							
(b) (6)	1/1/2021	<p>I understand what you as a governmental agency want to do, in regards to the environment, but please look at the benefits to the community, and American people. SpaceX was and still the beckon of hope during this crazy pandemic. The area he is in Boco Chica Texas is pretty much a isolated area, so there are not many people. Yes, i realize there is the environmental aspects, but at the same time the activities in Boco Chica Texas will benefit the American people and our economy. I will hate to see SpaceX or the project move somewhere, because of our short sightedness.</p>						

(b) (6)	1/2/2020	<p>Hi my name is [Ryan Reyes] and I am a resident of boca chica Texas and [I'm submitting this text about my public comment on whether or not SpaceX should launch from boca chica and get an orbital license] My comment is that THEY should get an license to reach orbit with there super heavy rocket booster along with the starship vehicle . The reason why I support they should get an license is because they are looking for a goal of sending humans to Mars and beyond. And I support that goal. and that why I think they should launch from boca chica Texas . THANK YOU</p>					
(b) (6)	1/2/2021	<p>I first should say that I am over in the UK and you should treat my comments accordingly (the direct impact of SpaceX activity will be of a very limited nature on me).</p> <p>I have been following the development of SpaceX's ambitions, with their Falcon 9 system and more recently the ongoing development of Starship. The ambition of SpaceX seems, to me, to be staggering and from my personal perspective to be encouraged.</p> <p>I watched the NASA lunar missions in the late 60s and early 70s, as a little boy, with a firm belief that humanity would venture further into our solar system and beyond. The words of John F. Kennedy, which I can't remember from the time (I was a toddler), have often been repeated and provided a momentum to the ambitions of NASA, more widely people in general (even in rural Ireland, yes me), scientists and critically political elites. They all being on the same page, of a single mind.</p> <p>However, by the early 1970s this momentum or single mindedness seemed to abate. I have watched the unmanned activity subsequently, and the demise of general public interest with dismay, the scientists may have ambitions, however, the political elites do not! Yes this is my personal view and should be treated as such.</p> <p>Then along comes SpaceX, it's Falcon 9 has disrupted the space launch business, with of all things a rocket that is reusable (well the</p>					
(b) (6)	1/4/2021	<p>Please find attached my Submission dated 4 January 2021. Kind regards</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>				Yes	

(b) (6)	1/4/2021	<p>SpaceX has a short but successful history of space flight, I and many other Americans are eager to see the Starship project advance and improve. The FAA should continue to work with SpaceX to approve changes necessary to advance to orbital launch.</p>					
(b) (6)	1/4/2021	<p>Bryan Garza</p> <p>I am a concerned citizen and resident of Brownsville and do not like all the closures of Boca china Beach access more times than it was stated on your request for beach closures.</p> <p>I would like to see something done.</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Xavier Medina (b) (6)</p>	beach closures				
(b) (6)	1/7/2021	<p>I have read the Draft Environmental Assessment for SpaceX Falcon Launches at Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station dated Feb. 2020. This report recognizes SpaceX desires to launch Starship 24 times per year from KSC. I have also read past EA and amendments for the Boca Chica Launch site.</p> <p>I have a security question regarding a so-called "safe zone", "blast area" as well as the meaning of that "soft check point and hard check point distance around the launch site. I was not able to find reference in these documents as to the safe distance to keep people or tourists away from a launch pad.</p> <p>Currently the L39A Observation Gantry is 2.75 miles from the launch site SpaceX uses. Is this still considered a safe distance given the increased engines/fuel of the proposed Starship with a super heavy booster launch system?</p> <p>This question is of utmost importance as we represent a land owner that is located 5.1 miles from the SpaceX launch site in Boca Chica, Texas. They are planning a large commercial development.</p> <p>Any clarification or guidance to an authority who can address our concern would be appreciated. Thank you.</p> <p>(b) (6) (b) (6)</p>					

(b) (6)	1/7/2021	<p>Where do I find a copy (electronic preferred) of the Draft Environmental Assessment of SpaceX's plans to conduct its newly proposed operations of Starship/Super Heavy at the Boca Chica Launch Site? This Environmental Assessment must be filed with the USFAA for review and approval.</p> <p>I would like my comments on this federal activity to be based upon the actual document, however, if the document is made unavailable, as before, my comments will reflect the lack of openness and the need for FAA to drop it lead in the review.</p>						
(b) (6)	1/8/2021	<p>I absolutely do not support expanding Space X facilities. Boca Chica is one of the last unspoiled beach areas in Texas. It is next to a wildlife refuge. The facility has already altered water flow. I go to that beach weekly for the peace and quiet and to watch pelicans and other wildlife especially enjoy see ocelot footprints in the sand. Thought we were moving to a GREEN Planet.</p>						
(b) (6)	1/8/2021	<p>I am adamantly opposed to any expansion of Space X. This type of industrial development is incompatible with the nature of the region. A place surrounded by National Wildlife Refuges is not the place for rockets and exolisions. Please expel the billionaire and his toys!!!</p>						

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I do believe that in the advancement of technology and the nation as a whole, the requested updates should be approved. I firmly that the governing body (FAA) is stepping beyond their area of responsibility in even questioning the necessity for their approval. I believe that the FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, by its very name and charter is in the business of dealing with aviation and aviation related safety issues. Should we change its name to the FEDERAL SPACE AND AVIATION ADMINISTRATION. Since when does the environment, land use, etc. issues come under the topic of AVIATION. Stick to what the agency was created to do, Aviation PERIOD. Yes I firmly believe that the FAA should be involved when the flight safety of aviation, both civilian and military is involved, no argument. But aren't there enough other government entities to deal with, on the other issues.

Case in point. Was the FAA required to approve other launch type facilities, specifically Cape Canaveral, Vandenberg Launch site and several others before they were approved for use. Yes, I agree that they are both military installations and came into existence under DOD authority, but the same issues of environmental and land use issues existed, were they put thru the same exhaustive process and public scrutiny that Space X is being required in undergo at this time when they were created.

Inclosing. A Little humor and common sense. Would the Wright brothers have had to ask for permission to make their first flight at Kitty Hawk in today's environment.

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/10/2021</p>	<p>Range Control Contact; Good morning,</p> <p>I am a member at the Missile Warning Center and we are looking to get a number for your Range Controller Officer. We need this number so we can be aware of any cancellations or schedule modifications for your Starship flights.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Cheers,</p> <p>Ryan Scott Brown, TSgt, USAFR Missile Warning Center (MWC) MWC Chief Cheyenne Mtn AFS, CO Comm Phone: (719) 474-3050 (b) (6)</p>		<p>USAFR Missile Warning Center (MWC)</p>			
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FAA should consider not just the "proposed project" and "no action" alternatives, but also other alternatives that include launches of Starship from an offshore platform or moving Starship launches to Cape Canaveral, for which the necessary infrastructure already exists and is situated further away from National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.

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New EIS Needed for SPACEX Starship Operations approval; Dear, Trusted FAA:

Please insist that the scope of the needed EA (which should show SIGNIFICANT environmental damage) or EIS, longer but perhaps not as clearly and simply decisive) include the danger of VCEs from live rocket fuel and the Methane pools in the atmosphere above, from the planned 3 LNG facilities. This is a beautiful area, and should not be used as expendable, as a venue which has fewer resister, fewer legal hoops perhaps, and uneducated people who are thought not to know better. I am appalled at the risks which the combination of the facilities present, and also that your substantive changes since 2014 have not yet required much more serious environmental review. Please do review these deadly risks, increased now due to SpaceX success so far. But a catastrophic VCE and extinction of our Ocelot, Aplomado Falcon, sea grasses, oyster beds, etc., as well as noise and other pollution, would not be economically survivable. Every is a wholly owned subsidiary of an eco-system. Thank you for reviewing this.

I am using the email of my landlord, (b) (6), and I am a German Resident Alien, who lives and breathes here in the RGV for many years.

Vielen Dank, und Alles Gute!

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/18/2021</p>	<p>operations from the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas.</p> <p>As a very concerned taxpayer and citizen of Port Isabel, TX, I am writing to urge the FAA to conduct a new EIS for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy operations currently underway at SpaceX's Boca Chica site. There was a 2014 FEIS, and at that time the objective of SpaceX's operations were entirely different, now the launch vehicle is entirely different, and the size and scope of SpaceX is entirely different, which potentially in the future may include off-shore launches via superheavy-class spaceports, Superheavy re-landing on the launch stand, and a resort of all things.</p> <p>An EIS is in the interest of the public's concern to impacts that include accessibility of public lands, public safety, environment, wildlife, habitat, cumulative analysis of impacts, the unique characteristics of the geographic area (e.g., proximity to historic or cultural resources, parks, prime farmlands, wetlands, wild and scenic rivers, ecologically critical areas, adverse impacts on endangered or threatened species or critical habitat; impacts that may be both beneficial and adverse. A significant impact may exist even if the Federal agency believes that on balance the impact will be beneficial; the degree to which the effects on the quality of the human environment are likely to be highly controversial; and whether the action is related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts. Significance cannot be avoided by terming an action temporary or by breaking it down</p>	<p>beach closures</p>					
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Dear Sirs:

I have lived in Brownsville, Texas since 1954 and have seen many changes in the community over the last 66 years. Without a doubt the worst change that has come along in my lifetime was the arrival of SpaceX at Boca Chica Beach. The voice of the people who were opposed to SpaceX coming to our community was completely ignored.

The reason for our opposition to SpaceX development at Boca Chica Beach was not due to any opposition to progress. Rather it was due to the value of the beach to the people of Brownsville's need for recreation and the need to preserve the area as a natural habitat.

It is my opinion that the long range goal of SpaceX is to develop the beach and its surroundings. The goals of SpaceX in no way coincide with the needs of the community. The goals of SpaceX are contrary to the needs of the environmental protection and preservation of the area as well.

The needs of the local people and the environmental concerns have been overruled by SpaceX and will continue to be downplayed unless some arm of the government takes a stand. I hope that for the sake of the community and for the sake of the environment that your agency will do all it possibly can to diminish the negative effects that SpaceX intends to impose upon the treasure of Brownsville, namely, Boca Chica Beach.

Yours truly,

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concerned property owner and resident in Cameron County, TX, and a member of SaveRGV, Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, and World Wildlife Federation, I am writing to express my concerns over the new SpaceX launch program at Boca Chica Beach, Texas.

I strongly urge the FAA to do a NEW Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) rather than an EA. The actions of SpaceX are now significantly different and greater in scope than the original project the FAA authorized in its 2014 EIS and Record of Decision (ROD). I know that the new SpaceX footprint will have, and will continue to have, increasingly more significant human and environmental impacts. As citizens of the area, we are already seeing more monthly road and beach closures to our public lands well beyond the original projections of 180 hours/year. Now they are asking for 500 hours/year. It is documented that SpaceX has already exceeded those 180 hours/year (over 180 hours in just one month, March 2020), without any apparent enforcement effort by FAA.

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operations;
Dear Federal Aviation Administration,

I urge the FAA to conduct a new EIS for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy operations currently underway at SpaceX's Boca Chica site. From the 2014 FEIS, the objective, launch vehicle, and the size and scope is entirely different, which potentially may include off-shore launches via Super Heavy-class spaceports, Super Heavy re-landing on the launch stand, simultaneous launches, and a resort.

FAA should consider not just the "proposed project" and "no action" alternatives, but also other alternatives that include launches of Starship from an offshore platform or moving Starship launches to Cape Canaveral, for which the necessary infrastructure already exists and is situated further away from National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.

A new cumulative analysis needs to be conducted. A 3rd-party launch failure analysis is needed due to the proximity of Port Isabel, Long Island Village and potentially three LNG export terminals within five miles of the launch site. Additionally, an analysis of the potential impacts to the proposed Jupiter LLC project, a crude upgrading, processing and export facility which includes an offshore VLCC loading facility six miles offshore.

A new biological opinion is needed. The Starship is much larger, there will be more testing, more beach closures, and more traffic

impacts to National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.; closures of Boca Chica beach

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(b) (6)	1/21/2021	<p>Stop the Expansion of SpaceX in Brownsville, TX; Federal Aviation Administration, To the Federal Aviation Administration - It is very problematic that SpaceX wants to launch larger rockets in the sensitive area near Brownsville. This is a culturally significant area for indigenous people. In addition, there are issues with endangered sea turtles. On the public safety side, there are three LNG export facilities that are approximately 6 miles away. Space X has had lift-off problems. If a rocket were to affect an LNG export facility or a ship loaded with LNG, the result could be catastrophic. Sincerely,</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>			Action Network			

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/21/2021</p>	<p>Elon Musk does not have dominion in the RGV; Federal Aviation Administration, Hello, I'm writing as a citizen of Texas that SpaceX and Elon Musk should not be allowed to expand in Boca Chica Beach. The land that is in the Rio Grande Valley belongs to the people and should be used by them only. There are a number of native flora and fauna in the area that should also be taken into consideration, a lot of it is endangered and we do not trust SpaceX to cultivate the land with integrity. Their plans to expand should be denied by the FAA. Thank you. (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

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(b) (6)	1/21/2021	<p>SN9 GPS Trajectory; As a resident of South Padre Island for 50 years it is of concern to me why if appeared from every angle that the rocket did not go over the Gulf of Mexico.</p> <p>All of us on the jetties filming had our cameras pointed towards the west and north, then coming back to attempt landing.</p> <p>Just need to know what has never been made public.</p> <p>Also how strong of wind is too strong. Can they be a little more forthcoming with information regarding launching and weather requirements?</p> <p>Thank you to whomever is willing to help get answers.</p>						
(b) (6)	1/21/2021	<p>Scoping Comments Re: FAA Programmatic Environmental Assessment for SpaceX ;To Whom It May Concern:</p> <p>Defenders of Wildlife submits the following scoping comments to the Federal Aviation Administration regarding the Programmatic Environmental Assessment for the SpaceX Starship Super Heavy Project at the Boca Chica launch site in South Texas.</p> <p>Thank you, Sharon</p>		Defenders of Wildlife		Yes		

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Since the facility began operations in 2019, Elon Musk's SpaceX rocket testing has caused numerous fires and explosions that threatened the people of Brownsville's safety and has caused a dangerous grassfire. Every time a rocket launches, it produces hazardous air emissions that are terrible for the Earth's atmosphere. Operations have also displaced people from their homes at Boca Chica Village, and every month has stripped locals' access to the pristine beach. If the expansion goes forward, the gentrification and damages will only increase in size and scale. Facing the direct threats of this facility's operations are many low-income communities of color, national wildlife refuges with endangered species like the Aplomado falcon and ocelot, and three proposed fracked gas (LNG) plants that would pose extreme safety risks on their own -- all within a 6-mile radius. The SpaceX facility is currently located and planning to expand on sacred land to the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of South Texas and is being built without their consent.

Mr. Musk has also made statements demonstrating his lack of understanding of the negative impacts SpaceX poses on our region, a blatant disrespect to the majority of low-income people of color that live here. In a nationally televised statement in 2019, Mr. Musk remarked about SpaceX flight testing that "most likely it's going to happen at our Brownsville location because we've got a lot of land with nobody around, and so if it blows up, it's cool."

Our region has the highest poverty rates in the nation and is actively facing invasive border surveillance, detention facilities, mass deportations, separation of families, expansion of a border wall, and high COVID-19 cases. Elon Musk just became one of the wealthiest

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Please do not grant permit to expand SpaceX; Federal Aviation Administration, SpaceX poses many risks to the region, one of them is the CEO himself, Elon Musk. Much like our former president, he is easily irritable and impulsive. If he faces any kind of regulation, he will build a factory in a new location, making whatever jobs resulting from SpaceX disappear. According to the National Teamsters Union, he has taken billions of dollars of government subsidies and then violated national labor laws by underpaying his workers and subjecting them to unsafe working conditions.</p> <p>(b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

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(b) (6)	1/22/2021	<p>operations; Dear Federal Aviation Administration,</p> <p>I urge the FAA to conduct a new EIS for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy operations currently underway at SpaceX's Boca Chica site. From the 2014 FEIS, the objective, launch vehicle, and the size and scope is entirely different, which potentially may include off-shore launches via Super Heavy-class spaceports, Super Heavy re-landing on the launch stand, simultaneous launches, and a resort.</p> <p>FAA should consider not just the "proposed project" and "no action" alternatives, but also other alternatives that include launches of Starship from an offshore platform or moving Starship launches to Cape Canaveral, for which the necessary infrastructure already exists and is situated further away from National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.</p> <p>A new cumulative analysis needs to be conducted. A 3rd-party launch failure analysis is needed due to the proximity of Port Isabel, Long Island Village and potentially three LNG export terminals within five miles of the launch site. Additionally, an analysis of the potential impacts to the proposed Jupiter LLC project, a crude upgrading, processing and export facility which includes an offshore VLCC loading facility six miles offshore.</p> <p>A new biological opinion is needed. The Starship is much larger, there will be more testing, more beach closures, and more traffic where endangered wildlife is present. More closures of Boca Chica</p>	impacts to National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.; closures of Boca Chica beach	Sierra Club	KnowWho			
(b) (6)	1/22/2021	SpaceX Resolution; Please see attached Resolution in Support.		City of Brownsville Office of the City Secretary		Yes		

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>SpaceX Comments due 1/22/2021; I am a permanent resident of South Padre Island and am very concerned about the way that the FAA is handling the Environmental Assessment process for the greatly expanded SpaceX project in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Instead of simply allowing an EA, there should be a completely new Environmental Impact Statement process conducted due the significant changes that have already occurred in violation of the 2014 EIS.</p> <p>The number of launches has increased, and more importantly, the size of the rocket engines and the amount of fuel the Starship/Superheavy will use compared to Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy are completely incomparable. Additionally, that there is now a plan to drill natural gas wells and to liquefy and store the methane on site is predictive of what the future holds; continued changes with little oversight. How can such changes be considered so insignificant that there is only a need for an EA, rather than a completely new EIS?</p> <p>The FAA should be highly concerned about the possibility of catastrophic explosions with the increase in rocket size, since there have already been several mishaps resulting in fires. Wouldn't the FAA prefer to take the responsible action of a complete open review that a new EIS would provide? Doesn't the FAA want to know the true scope of the project before the SpaceX administrators continue with their own changing visions? I do.</p>	<p>local roads and Boca Chica State Park are closed</p>			<p>Yes</p>		
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>SN9 GPS trajectory #2; Just would like to know this as I've loved living safely on South Padre Island in the same house since I was 4 and now I'm 53. Happy to have SpaceX , just wish they would be a little more forthcoming with information. Mr. Musk hinted in his local news interview his reasoning for settling his rockets here was it was not densely populated , but that still includes me. When the last rocket lost one of the three engines and over correctly in the sky making the zig zag white trail, I came home and watched the video and saw the two others still running shake violently when the one quit. They switch those out like Legos, let's hope they're on tight every time. Also this was all over land, not the Gulf as I recall hearing. All of us filming on the jetties were facing West and above the island on its return. Tired of guessing, feel it's our right to know what's the plan and what was the plan. What was the GPS trajectory?</p> <p>Thanks for your help,</p>						

(b) (6)	1/22/2021	<p>STOP EXPANSION FOR SPACE X; Federal Aviation Administration, This private and self aggrandizement project of Elon Musk's SpaceX expansion should be DENIED! The proposed site is of major cultural and ecological significance. You must not allow the humans in this community suffer more for short-term gains. The terrible environmental and cultural overtaking will affect many generations to come.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>			Action Network			
(b) (6)	1/22/2021	<p>SpaceX Environmental Scoping Please accept the attached letter from American Bird Conservancy for the FAA's environmental scoping period for proposed plans at the SpaceX launch site in Boca Chica, Texas.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>"Fish, Swim, and Play from 50 yards away..." (from birds nesting on islands and beaches)</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>Coastal Program Manager American Bird Conservancy (b) (6) (mobile) (b) (6) (field office)</p> <p>www.HelpGulfBirds.org www.abcbirds.org Headquartered in Florida</p>	Attachement discusses closures	American Bird Conservancy	Yes			
(b) (6)	1/22/2021	<p>Dear Sir/Madam, Attached please find the GLO's Comments regarding the Scope of Issues for the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Project.</p> <p>Best regards, David</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>Senior Deputy Director Coastal Protection Division Texas General Land Office (b) (6)</p>	TX GLO letter discusses closures of road, Public Beach and State owned land	Texas General Land Office; Coastal Protection Division	Yes			

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>of Capt. Doug Willey, Chair - Air Traffic Services Group (ATS), ALPA Int'l</p> <p>Dear Ms. Zee,</p> <p>The Air Line Pilots Association, International (ALPA), representing more than 59,000 pilots at 35 United States (U.S.) and Canadian airlines, appreciates the opportunity to provide comments during the public scoping period to assist the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in determining the scope of issues in preparation of a Programmatic Environmental Assessment (EA) for SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy commercial space operations at the Boca Chica Launch Site, Texas. ALPA supports a National Airspace System (NAS) that is safe and efficient for all stakeholders. However, gaps in previous commercial space EAs require careful review and revision to the EA process. ALPA has identified several issues that need to be addressed by the FAA during the Scoping and EA process.</p> <p>Since 2018, EAs no longer evaluate NAS impacts. Airspace impacts during previous EAs have been unduly vague, have ignored fundamental airspace safety and operational issues essential to a safe and efficient NAS. The FAA should consider revising current airspace evaluation requirements for EAs to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Environmental and safety impacts to traditional NAS stakeholders above 10,000 feet. •Additional information needed to more thoroughly review and 		<p>Air Traffic Services Group (ATS)</p>		<p>Yes</p>		
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Public Scoping Period for SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy launch operations from the Boca Chica Launch Site; Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment during this public scoping period for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy launch operation program. You will find attached three documents to include: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service comments for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Launch Operation and Enclosures 1 & 2 Refuge responses regarding prior Section 4(f) coordination that were referenced in the main comment letter.</p> <p>We look forward to working with you through this process.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>(b) (6) Complex Refuge Manager South Texas Refuge Complex</p>	<p>Attachement discusses Section 4(f)</p>	<p>USFWS</p>		<p>Yes</p>		

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Administration,
To the Federal Aviation Administration -
I am a Esto'k Gna, a human being, a member of the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas. We are the original people of this land who lived here before "America" and before Columbus. I ask the FAA to block the expansion of the destructive and dangerous and disrespectful project called SpaceX. Mr Musk has never consulted with the Tribe nor other Indigenous people when starting this horrible project, nor does he listen to our Tribe nor other Indigenous peoples. He believes that he is master of our lands because he is rich and white.

I am deeply concerned about the SpaceX launch site expansion and its economic, cultural, & environmental impacts on the region. Since the operations began in Brownsville, TX, numerous explosions have threatened public safety, caused dangerous fires near wildlife refuges, and stripped locals' access to the pristine beach. These explosive risks will only increase because of three liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, with their safety hazards, plan to build within 6-miles of SpaceX. The facility is also actively gentrifying the region by displacing people from their homes at Boca Chica Village. SpaceX should not be allowed to expand and increase the size and scale of these damages.

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Stop the Expansion of SpaceX; Federal Aviation Administration, Brownsville TX is one of the poorest communities in the United States. To have the world's richest man come and privatize our natural resources, destroy our ecosystem, and gentrify our community is unconscionable.</p> <p>Mary Wantland (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Stop SpaceX Drilling; Federal Aviation Administration, More examination of plans needs to happen before Space X can drill. SpaceX has already caused explosions and harm to the local community.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Please Stop SpaceX Expansion in Brownsville; Federal Aviation Administration, The SpaceX facility has proven to be a destructive force for the residents of Brownsville. Multiple explosions, a grassfire, hazardous air emissions, resident displacement, negative impacts on protected wildlife, and reduced resident's access to Boca Chica beach do not warrant the few low-paid jobs this site has produced. Now, SpaceX has announced it wants to drill for natural gas. This ill-timed expansion of their mission, an overt move to simply extract more wealth from the site regardless of health or environmental concerns, is extremely concerning in this time of escalating concern for our warming planet. SpaceX has had an opportunity to work to benefit this community, and instead has shown its utter disregard for it. Please deny the launch site expansion. Sincerely, (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Deny Elon Musk's expansion; Federal Aviation Administration, Billionaire Elon Musk's plan to expand Space X in the Rio Grande Valley is rooted in a colonizer agenda and will be harmful to marginalized communities in the RGV. Please put a stop to it. (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Stop Expansion of SpaceX; Federal Aviation Administration, I am truly disappointed by the news that SPACEX expects to frack on our Boca Chica beach which is extremely dangerous and detrimental to our wildlife and overall environment. Fracking was not part of the original SpaceX plans as presented to us the citizens of the region years ago. Expansion that negatively impacts our county beach and increases the likelihood of a massive explosion that would decimate the area is unacceptable. Our home is not a sacrifice zone for Elon Musk wants and desires. His vision is not our vision. His wins are our losses and should not be allowed to happen. Environmental destruction is straight up discriminations when the voices of the citizens in the poorest county in Texas is ignored for the benefits of one. Stop the Expansion of SpaceX! (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>SpaceX Facility; Federal Aviation Administration, I'm writing this to demand that the expansion of the SpaceX facility is denied. Do not allow them to further destroy sacred lands. Sit down with indigenous leaders and listen to their concerns. Take action on their concerns! (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Administration, To the Federal Aviation Administration - As one who lived in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas for 20 years, before moving to Houston recently, Boca Chica has special significance to me, and I am deeply grieved to hear about the negative impacts SpaceX has already had on people and the environment in this place I love, and I do not want to see more of that happen. There is much more negative social impact than social value to this private endeavor that essentially robs the public of an important public good. I am deeply concerned about the SpaceX launch site expansion and its economic, cultural, & environmental impacts on the region. Since the operations began in Brownsville, TX, numerous explosions have threatened public safety, caused dangerous fires near wildlife refuges, and stripped locals' access to the pristine beach. These explosive risks will only increase because of three liquefied natural gas (LNG) terminals, with their safety hazards, plan to build within 6-miles of SpaceX. The facility is also actively gentrifying the region by displacing people from their homes at Boca Chica Village. SpaceX should not be allowed to expand and increase the size and scale of these damages. Our elected officials and SpaceX should not be allowed to privatize or commercialize Boca Chica and further restrict access from the public. Boca Chica beach is culturally and spiritually sacred to the Rio Grande Valley people, especially to the Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas, who were never consulted about the SpaceX project. For these reasons, the FAA should reject Elon Musk's plans to</p>	<p>impacts to wildlife refuges; Boca Chica Beach Access</p>	<p>Another Gulf Is Possible Collaborative</p>	<p>Action Network</p>			
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Re: Comments on FAA Programmatic Environmental Assessment SpaceX; Correction: Because of this lack of responsibility, a tractor trailer was parked on the road edge and partly in the lane near the Control Center in the dark and a family coming back from Boca Chica Beach collided into the commercial vehicle and the father was killed and the 10 year old daughter possible paralyzed for life.</p>						

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>SpaceX; To whom it may concern:</p> <p>As a former homeowner at Boca Chica Village, and someone who resided there until October 31, 2020, I experienced firsthand the negative impacts associated with having SpaceX locate next to Boca Chica Beach in the midst of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge.</p> <p>Given the scope and magnitude of SpaceX's current plans, and the fact that they bear little to no resemblance to what was originally proposed, it would be in the best interest of all concerned for the FAA to conduct the more thorough Environmental Impact Statement rather than merely an Environmental Assessment. An EA is insufficient. SpaceX is not adhering to the 2014 Record of Decision and their presence has also created new and unforeseen problems.</p> <p>SpaceX is not being properly governed by government agencies at the local, state or federal level. The associated problems are many. Here are a few issues that should be immediately addressed.</p> <p>1. Permits. Apparently SpaceX needs no permits. None were sought for new construction or remodeling of the houses, thus no oversight of any kind. No permits were ever displayed on the houses or commercial buildings within the Village as they were being built or remodeled.</p> <p>In a normal setting a permit is prominently displayed on the front of</p>	<p>Closures</p>				
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/22/2021</p>	<p>Response to Request for Public Comments; To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>The attached document is hereby submitted in response to the Federal Aviation Administration's ("FAA") request for public comments on the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Project at the Boca Chica Launch Site in Cameron County, Texas, and "potential alternatives and impacts ... affecting the quality of the human environment."</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>(b) (6)</p> <p>Sr. Manager, Regulatory and Permitting</p> <p>NextDecade Corporation 1000 Louisiana Street, Suite 3900 Houston, Texas 77002 United States of America</p> <p>Office: +1 (b) (6) 5 Main: (b) (6) (b) (6)</p> <p>www.Next-Decade.com www.RioGrandeLNG.com</p>		<p>NextDecade Corporation</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
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For these reasons, the FAA should reject Elon Musk's plans to expand the SpaceX facility because of the negative impacts on the region. At the very least, the FAA needs to extend the commenting period because of the increase in COVID-19 cases in South Texas and should provide a hearing with Spanish interpreting and closed captioning for the public to ask questions about operations.

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Administration,
I am writing to express my disagreement with the expansion of SpaceX. Boca Chica Beach and the surrounding area are sacred to the Rio Grande Valley. The ecosystem should not be further disturbed as it will by this expansion. This land is not only sacred to residents, it is also the traditional land of native peoples of this region, of whom I stand beside and support. This area should not be developed by one of the wealthiest people in our country. It is a clear exploitation of the beautiful communities in the area, many of them underserved. SpaceX does nothing to truly uplift and transform these communities. Rather its proposed expansion is rooted in further greed, entitlement, and exploitation.
I write this as the current Texas Poet Laureate and as a resident of the Rio Grande Valley. I have written about Boca Chica Beach in my latest book prior to the arrival of SpaceX. The area is a place of astounding beauty and cultural importance. It is not to be exploited for the benefit of the wealthy. Our region is already deeply scarred and affected by the building of the border wall.
Most of the original habitat of the region has been destroyed in the past hundred years by various outsiders and this expansion would continue to exploit and destroy in the name of so-called "progress."
We are fighting for our cultures here in the Valley every day, whether it is our Mexican American and/or Tejano roots, Native roots, and the list goes on as there are many diverse cultures living in the Valley. The people's connection to the land and ecosystem is a direct reflection of its well being. The more we are robbed of it, the more we watch its continued destruction, the more our emotional

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operations; Dear Federal Aviation Administration,

I urge the FAA to conduct a new EIS for the SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy operations currently underway at SpaceX's Boca Chica site. From the 2014 FEIS, the objective, launch vehicle, and the size and scope is entirely different, which potentially may include off-shore launches via Super Heavy-class spaceports, Super Heavy re-landing on the launch stand, simultaneous launches, and a resort.

FAA should consider not just the "proposed project" and "no action" alternatives, but also other alternatives that include launches of Starship from an offshore platform or moving Starship launches to Cape Canaveral, for which the necessary infrastructure already exists and is situated further away from National Wildlife Refuges and/or state park land.

A new cumulative analysis needs to be conducted. A 3rd-party launch failure analysis is needed due to the proximity of Port Isabel, Long Island Village and potentially three LNG export terminals within five miles of the launch site. Additionally, an analysis of the potential impacts to the proposed Jupiter LLC project, a crude upgrading, processing and export facility which includes an offshore VLCC loading facility six miles offshore.

A new biological opinion is needed. The Starship is much larger, there will be more testing, more beach closures, and more traffic where endangered wildlife is present. More closures of Boca Chica

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/23/2021</p>	<p>To whom it may concern. I Benny J. Hernandez of (The Estok' Gna Nation) The Carrizo/Comecrudo Tribe of Texas feel that is unjust and down right wrong to expand on sacred land. It will posin endangered/at risk plants,endangered/at risk wild life, and people/native tribes of that land. The tribe at risk is us The carrizo comecrudo Tribe of Texas and every day people. Its not right for are land to be stolen and its not right to be passed on person to person with out our permission. The list of animals and and plants that will be destroyed are endless and there is nothing that yall can do to fix that if yall proceeds in your plan. by rapid urbanization most of the rio grand or if not all will be destroyed and all its wildlife. Sanctuary is given to 115 species of wildlife and to some of the rarest animals and plants native to the United States. Endangered animals include the ocelot and jaguarundi. Exotic birds include the green jay and the chachalaca. Threatened plants include barreta and Esenbeckia runyonii. the Tamaulipan Biotic Province, topological and climatic influences have been identified as eleven different biotic communities. The Chihuahuan Thorn Forest contains the largest remaining stand of subtropical thorn forest in the United States. The Ramadero has periodically wet arroyos that act as protected corridors from the Rio Grande to adjacent highlands. Thick thorn forest offers safe passage to ocelots, jaguarundis, and other endangered species. The Upper Valley Flood Forest supports riverine species, including the</p>		<p>Trible warrior of The Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe Of Texas</p>				
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/23/2021</p>	<p>SPACE; Federal Aviation Administration, Please please please stop Space X from harming our environment. We cannot continue to let corporations put profit over a healthy environment. (b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

(b) (6)	1/23/2021	<p>Please deny space x expansion requests; Federal Aviation Administration, Space x is expanding in an ecologically fragile area. Original plans downplayed expansion plans and their operations have already harmed ecologically sensitive areas. We DO NOT need natural gas extraction in these ecologically sensitive zones. At minimum these expansions require a thorough and unbiased EIS. Thank you Jackelin Trevino (b) (6)</p>			Action Network			
(b) (6)	1/23/2021	<p>SpaceX Expansion Plan; Federal Aviation Administration, Dear Sirs/Madams: I want to politely voice my staunch opposition to the planned expansion of the "SpaceX" testing and launch facility in the "Boca Chica Beach" area of the Rio Grande Valley. It should be obvious that this would be both devastating and possibly catastrophic to the nearby residents and the many Americans who visit the area for recreation too. There are many options available to SpaceX in choosing a site less negatively impactful on both the human population and natural environment too. I thank you for your time and due consideration of my sincere concerns in this matter and hope your wisdom prevails in doing the right thing as my fellow "Americans". (b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			Action Network			
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(b) (6)	1/23/2021	<p>Stop the Expansion of SpaceX; Federal Aviation Administration, The expansion of Space x can be a huge devastation for the wildlife refuge. Space x has already displaced elders who've lived in Boca Chica for decades. I'm urging you that this needs to stop to not cause more devastation.</p> <p>(b) (6) (b) (6)</p>			Action Network			
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russell.hooten@tpwd.texas.gov	1/27/2021	<p>TPWD scoping comments re: SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Boca Chica Draft EA, Cameron County, Texas; Hi Stacey,</p> <p>Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's scoping comments for the Draft Environmental Assessment being prepared for SpaceX's Starship/Super Heavy project at Boca Chica are attached. Please contact me with any questions.</p> <p>Sincerely, Russell</p> <p>Russell Hooten Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program TPWD-Wildlife Division 6300 Ocean Drive, NRC 2501 Unit 5846 Corpus Christi, TX 78412 (b) (6)</p>	Closures	Wildlife Habitat Assessment Program TPWD-Wildlife Division	Yes			
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/30/2021</p>	<p>concern,</p> <p>I just read an article about the request for public comment and though I know the date for submission has passed officially I thought I would comment anyway.</p> <p>I am a multiengine instrument rated pilot and owner of two airplanes: a Cessna 310 and a Cessna 182. I have wanted to be an astronaut since the Apollo landings when I was a toddler. I am an avid supporter of what Elon Musk and others are doing to expand the private space sector. I am actually visiting the Boca Chica area as I write this.</p> <p>I believe the Boca Chica site is well suited for this type of operation for a variety of reasons. There is a deep water port and shipyard locally (which provides its own congruent environmental challenges that have already been overcome). There is therefore skilled labor in the area. In addition, the area supports oil drilling and transportation with its own environmental impacts. The deep water port allows the ability for SpaceX to eventually have recovery vehicles bring sea landed components back and also to allow the shipment of rocket components to other sites via sea such as Cape Canaveral or others.</p> <p>From a safety standpoint I don't think there is any other place on any US coast that provides as much space between such operations and large population centers. Even Cape Canaveral/Kennedy is much closer to significantly more people. South of the border too there is</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/31/2021</p>	<p>Starship FAA launch approval; Federal Aviation Administration:</p> <p>Please publicly release why FAA is withholding launch approval for SpaceX's Starship SN9.</p> <p>Thank you for your prompt response.</p> <p>Sincerely, (b) (6)</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>1/31/2021</p>	<p>SN Launches; Hi there,</p> <p>Please get out of the way and support the development of the SN program ... there processes and procedures are more than adequate and we are fully supported of there actions.</p> <p>Please be supportive of the safe and tried iteration approach to development.</p> <p>Regards, (b) (6)</p>						

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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>2/2/2021</p>	<p>STOP FRACKING WHERE I LIVE; Hello</p> <p>As a concerned native here to South Texas, I always want what's best for my community without any risk of danger. That's why I'm telling you to tell you that I don't agree with you being here or any other companies that are down here at boca beach fracking and ruining our environment and communities.</p> <p>The industry promises great work benefits, but disregards sexual assault cases that their own employees make by justifying it with your "benefits". This is no fucking joke to us because we know there's a tragic toxic machismo culture that's here and this just endorses that kind of behavior! "Women beaters!"That's what you bring! Those "jobs" you bring here that are from crews you've already contracted instead of opening up shop here? What another corporate go-around to say you're cheating the people of this community just to use up their resources. Shameful!</p> <p>Just know a lot of others strongly oppose fracking here too and think you and your other wolves not welcomed here!</p>						

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		<p>Assessment (EA) SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy Project Boca Chica Beach, Cameron County, Texas; Dear Sir/Ms: Unfortunately, I only found out about this last night, so please excuse the fact that I did not meet your request for comments to be submitted by January 22, 2021. However, since this is a NEPA scoping request, I know there is a lot of flexibility for you to remain open to public concerns at this early stage.</p> <p>I have been following the environmental impacts of SpaceX at this site since they applied for a Clean Water Act Section 404 permit authorizing them to impact aquatic habitats with their initial construction. This site is part of a very unique and high quality coastal ecosystem. SpaceX represents one of few impacts to this ecosystem.</p> <p>First, I recommend FAA ensure that the proposed activities will not result in Significant Environmental Impacts, especially considering the several threatened and endangered species in the area, and the uniqueness and high quality of this coastal environment. As a reminder, if FAA incorrectly assumes that the proposed activities will not result in Significant Impacts, and only produces an EA, FAA will be highly vulnerable to lawsuits for failure to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act.</p> <p>I recommend FAA assess the potential impacts of SpaceX's proposed activities on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Threatened and endangered species 						
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<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>3/7/2021</p>	<p>Stop Space X Starlink; Federal Aviation Administration, Our skies are for all of us! You're letting a mad billionaire jeopardize access to one of our most beloved parts of being human. There is a better way to get people access to the internet.</p> <p>(b) (6)</p>			<p>Action Network</p>			

<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>3/10/2021; 3/24/21</p>	<p>with EU Regulation 2015/758 concerning mandatory GPS sender in cars; The companies Tesla, SpaceX and Starlink receive hereby</p> <p>Injunction Order</p> <p>not to contact any authority about laws and regulations concerning GPS senders in cars</p> <p>A GPS sender is a gadget and therefore only voluntarily offered by car manufacturers. Concerning complicated installations of GPS senders within the car so that thieves cannot remove it quickly is this aspect only concerning new cars or new used cars which have a higher price. The big part of cars have become cheap up to very cheap and are not a desired object for car theft. All other argumentations about a GPS sender in the car have to be declared as private recommendations from the car company to the car customer and cannot be considered as mandatory. Such handling would be an infringing and law-breaking method in order to increase the popularity of GPS Navigation. As a clear need of a GPS sender can be considered delivery-companies which have new addresses to drive to everyday. As a private person it is not clear in how far a GPS sender should be useful to drive to the city and the working place and back home. If the screen-watching-time during car-drive becomes too long is this a clear distraction from car driving.</p> <p>Europol is hereby ordered to issue</p>						
<p>(b) (6)</p>	<p>3/18/2021</p>	<p>SpaceX Starship/Super Heavy at Boca Chica - Scoping Report Available!; A pretty skimpy and vacuous report, kind of like pointing to the sky above and saying "Watch this space."</p> <p>"Technoking" Elon's much like a cult figure intent on saving mankind by establishing colonies on Mars via SpaceX ventures supported by Starlink ventures with bitcoin side bets. With portable Starlink satellite dishes and dishes attachable to military aircraft. Plus Tesla cars & a huge battery that's to plug into the Texas energy grid plus Neuralink and the Boring venture. Age 49, 2nd wife, 6 kids & counting.</p> <p>The FERC public meeting music is more than a bit repetitious.</p>						

(b) (6)	3/22/2021	<p>Public comment on SpaceX expansion; As per The FAA released SpaceX's rough plan to fly Starship rockets to orbit from Texas, and the agency wants public input on it (msn.com)</p> <p>Let-R-Rip – GO USA – On behalf of my family and Santa Clause – we're all in for the expansion. Please Approve !!</p> <p>Merry Christmas and happy rocket flying new year !! (b) (6)</p>					
(b) (6)	3/22/2021	<p>PS: Avoid xmas eve flights</p> <p>SpaceX Boca Chica Launch Site; I realize that the time for input has transpired, but I have some newer data that I believe needs to be included in the SpaceX analysis. I am sorry for bothering you as you may already know this.</p> <p>SpaceX has purchased Massey gun range and property which is aprox 5 miles from their existing compound and is right on the Rio Grand. Hearsay is that SpaceX will be doing initial engine testing there instead of in McGregor, TX. This property is central for protected wild life. It's where we and others go to spot wild life. It is a great area to spot nilgai, ocelots, bob cats, mountain lions, deer, wild pigs, coyotes, etc. We are already seeing a reduction of wild life in Boca Chica village and this area.</p>					
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October 7, 2020



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Dear Mr. Murray:

This responds to your letter dated August 27, 2020, requesting our concurrence with FAA's determination that an increase in closure hours from 180 to 300 on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) will not result in a "*constructive use*" as defined by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966. For the reasons provided in this letter, we do not concur.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) does not concur with the FAA determination that the action will not result in a "constructive use" to the Refuge. The Refuge, and the national Refuge System in general, maintains the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of these natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans (National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). The refuge was established in 1979, as a long-term program of acquiring lands to protect and restore the unique biodiversity of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The stated purposes and legislative authorities for this Refuge are "*...for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources...*" 16 U.S.C. § 742f (a)(4); "*... for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude ...*" 16 U.S.C. § 742f(b)(1) (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956); "*... particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program*" 16 U.S.C. § 667b (An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes); "*... suitable for— (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of endangered species or threatened species ...*" 16 U.S.C. § 460k-1 "*... the Secretary ... may accept and use ... real ... property. Such acceptance may be accomplished under the terms and conditions of restrictive covenants imposed by donors ...*" 16 U.S.C. § 460k-2 (Refuge Recreation Act) (16 U.S.C. § 460k-460k-4, as amended); and, "*... for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds*" 16 U.S.C. § 715d (Migratory Bird Conservation Act). The Refuge therefore ensures the conservation of fish, wildlife and plant populations and their habitat, which is necessary for the scientific study of wildlife, conservation biology and ecosystem management. In addition to its primary task of conserving wildlife, the Refuge also provides six wildlife-dependent recreational

uses, which include: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. Each year, an estimated 110,000 visitors access the Refuge for these uses and the majority (63 percent) are beachgoers or fishers to the Boca Chica tract at all times of the year.

Section 4(f) protects publicly owned parks, recreation areas, and wildlife and waterfowl refuges of national, state, or local significance and historic sites of national state, or local significance from use by transportation projects. Due to operations by SpaceX at all times, the FWS's ability to maintain the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of Refuge resources, as well our ability in ensuring the viability of the six wildlife-dependent recreational uses, are significantly diminished at the Boca Chica tract. This occurs by preventing or constraining public access year-round, hampering biological and monitoring studies including sea turtle patrols, hampering refuge management and law enforcement patrol, increased observations of road mortality of wildlife at all hours of daytime and nighttime, damaging sensitive habitats such as the wind tidal flats and the salt prairie from explosions and fires, as well as impacting nesting habitat for sensitive species. According to the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, Wilson's and Snowy Plovers have essentially stopped nesting near the SpaceX site.

Since 2014, SpaceX has undertaken activities not covered in FAA's 2014 environmental impact statement (EIS). These activities include a higher frequency of road closures plausibly extending well beyond 180 hours, large explosions from reported anomalies, the appearance of significantly large staffing, traffic, and construction activities not analyzed in the EIS. In addition, debris falling onto the Refuge damages the sensitive wind tidal flats and the vehicles or machinery used to retrieve debris creates rutting and damage that interrupts tidal water sheet flow across these flats. These have prompted concerns including re-evaluating FAA's current EIS, as well as the potential need to reinitiate consultation with the FWS on the Biological Opinion analyzing SpaceX operations pursuant to 50 C.F.R. 402.16. Currently, the FAA is requesting to increase the number of Refuge closure hours from 180 to 300. However, for the past six years, closures of the road to Boca Chica Beach are increasingly frequent and may occur for one or more days due to delays or problems occurring during testing. The FAA/SpaceX closure reporting computation remains in question as the extended closures occurring for anomalies or delays are deterrents for public access to the Boca Chica tract and the beaches for the duration of all published closure timeframes. In 2019, the FWS conservatively quantified closure hours (over 1,000) and noted a significant disparity in accounting between SpaceX's reported total of 158 hours and the conservative total being tracked by FWS staff.

Based on the Section 4(f) definitions, a *"constructive use"* occurs when there is *"a temporary occupancy of land that is adverse in terms of the statute's preservation purpose"* or when *"a project's proximity impacts are so severe that the protected activities, features, or attributes of a property are substantially impaired."* The level, nature, and extent to which an area is constructively used is subject to the expertise and determination of the agency responsible for management and administration of the 4(f) lands impacted by the constructive use, in this case, the FWS. Frequent closures caused by SpaceX activities are already substantially impairing both the Refuge's ability to adequately manage the Refuge and the public's enjoyment of the Boca Chica Beach area for wildlife-dependent recreation. There are both *"adverse"* and *"severe"* impacts to Refuge public use, management, wildlife, and habitat from the SpaceX activities as exemplified above. Increasing the "official" closure hours to 300 will only exacerbate the levels of impairment of Refuge properties. The protected activities of the Refuge that will be

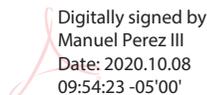
substantially impaired include fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. When closures occur, all of these wildlife-dependent recreational uses are substantially impaired because they are not available to the public. As previously mentioned, features and attributes of the Refuge that will be substantially impaired include the sensitive tidal flats, salt prairies, wildlife, and sensitive bird nesting and wintering sites. These features and attributes will be substantially impaired by increased closures because explosions, debris, traffic, building construction, and invasive plant species will continue to threaten the health and diversity of the Refuge's habitats and wildlife.

Section 4(f) regulations "*require rigorous exploration and objective evaluation of alternative actions that would avoid all use of Section 4(f) properties...that would avoid some or all adverse effects*" (OEPC Section 4(f) Handbook, after 23 CFR § 774). 23 U.S.C. § 138 precludes the Secretary of Transportation from approving a program or project unless "*such program includes all possible planning to minimize harm*" to wildlife refuges. Your letter provides no evidence that either of these requirements have been met. The FWS therefore disagrees with the FAA determination now, as well as in the past, (see January 10, 2014 letter to the FAA, Stacey Zee), and requests a Section 4(f) analysis be undertaken to explore all reasonable and prudent alternatives that completely avoid Section 4(f) properties and/or to ensure "*all possible planning to minimize harm to the Section 4(f) property*" will occur.

We appreciate your consideration of the above issues and look forward to discussing these or other concerns as pertains to the SpaceX Boca Chica site. You may contact me via email at sonny_perez@fws.gov or (b) (6)

Sincerely,

**Manuel
Perez III**



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January 22, 2021

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Dear Mr. Murray:

It is our understanding that SpaceX is working with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to prepare a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Starship/Super Heavy launch program near Boca Chica, Cameron County, Texas. This program is occurring on land surrounded by the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The FAA is holding a public scoping period to assist in determining the scope of issues for analysis in the draft EA. The following are U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) comments for consideration in your analysis:

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NEPA emphasizes cooperative consultation among agencies. 50 C.F.R. 1501.2(3) requires agencies to “...*study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to recommend courses of action in any proposal which involves unresolved conflicts...*” The process is intended to help public officials make decisions that are based on an understanding of the environmental consequences of federal agency actions and to protect the quality of the human environment, which includes ecological systems. In order to conduct a meaningful analysis consistent with the spirit and intent of NEPA, adequate and clear information regarding the proposed SpaceX activities is critical in developing informed analysis. 40 C.F.R. 1501.5(a) states that an agency shall prepare an EA for an action that is “...*not likely to have significant effects or when the significance of the effects is unknown...*” An environmental impact statement (EIS) may be the more appropriate NEPA pathway for this proposed action if significant effects cannot be avoided.

As stated in our previous correspondence dated October 7, 2020, and December 14, 2020 (attached); and reiterated here, the FWS does not concur with the FAA's determination that the action will not result in a "*constructive use*" of the Boca Chica Tract of the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge). The FAA is subject to Section 4(f) regulations which "*require rigorous exploration and objective evaluation of alternative actions that would avoid all use of Section 4(f) properties...that would avoid some or all adverse effects*" (OEPC Section 4(f) Handbook, per 23 CFR § 774). Furthermore, 23 U.S.C. § 138 precludes the Secretary of Transportation from approving a program or project unless "*such program includes all possible planning to minimize harm*" to wildlife refuges. It is the FWS's opinion that FAA has failed to comply with its own regulations in this regard. Based on the Section 4(f) definitions, a "*constructive use*" occurs when there is "*a temporary occupancy of land that is adverse in terms of the statute's preservation purpose*" or when "*a project's proximity impacts are so severe that the protected activities, features, or attributes of a property are substantially impaired.*" The level, nature, and extent to which an area is constructively used is subject to the expertise and determination of the agency responsible for management and administration of the 4(f) lands impacted by the constructive use, in this case, the FWS. Frequent closures of the Refuge caused by SpaceX activities are already substantially impairing both the Refuge's ability to adequately manage the Refuge and the public's enjoyment of the Boca Chica Beach area for wildlife-dependent recreation. There are both "*adverse*" and "*severe*" impacts to Refuge public use, management, wildlife, and habitat from the SpaceX activities. The protected public activities on the Refuge that are being substantially impaired include fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation. Annually an estimated 110,000 visitors access the Refuge for these uses. The majority are beachgoers or anglers visiting the Boca Chica tract and these activities occur throughout the year.

Since 2014, SpaceX has undertaken activities not covered in FAA's 2014 EIS which addressed only 12 launches per year, not continual experimentation related to the Starship/Super Heavy proposal as is currently being carried out. SpaceX activities not covered include a higher frequency of road closures extending well beyond 180 hours, large explosions from reported anomalies, the appearance of significantly large staffing, 24/7 operations, traffic, and construction activities not analyzed in the 2014 EIS. In addition, SpaceX rocket debris falling onto the Refuge has damaged the sensitive wind tidal flats. And, the vehicles or machinery used to retrieve rocket debris have created ruts and caused other damage that interrupts water sheet flow across these flats. Two SpaceX incidents on July 25, 2019 and again in August 2019 resulted in wildfires of 130-acres and 10-acres respectively burned through coastal prairie and dune habitats on refuge managed land. Anomalies resulting in explosions on November 20, 2019, February 28, 2020, and December 9, 2020 resulted in debris scattered onto refuge managed lands. Retrieval methods damaged the sensitive alkaline flat and refuge cable fencing installed to protect the area from disturbance.

Due to operations by SpaceX, the FWS's ability to maintain the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of Refuge resources, as well as our ability to ensure the viability of the six wildlife-dependent recreational uses, has been significantly diminished at the Boca Chica tract. This occurs by preventing or constraining public access year-round, hampering biological and monitoring studies including sea turtle patrols, sea turtle cold-stunning responses, hampering refuge management and law enforcement patrol, increased observations of road mortality of wildlife at all hours of daytime and nighttime, damage to sensitive habitats such as the wind tidal flats and to the salt prairie from explosions and fires, as well as adversely impacting nesting

habitat for sensitive species. According to the Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program, Wilson's and Snowy Plovers, have essentially stopped nesting near the SpaceX site in the last two years.

Currently, the FAA is requesting to increase the number of Refuge closure hours from 180 to 300 per year. The FWS believes the FAA/SpaceX closure reporting computation needs to be revised to consider the accounting of the extended closures occurring for anomalies or delays that are deterrents for public access to the Boca Chica tract and the beaches for the duration of all published closure timeframes. In 2019, the FWS recorded over 1,000 closure hours and SpaceX reported a total of 158 hours. When closures occur, all aforementioned wildlife-dependent recreational uses are substantially impaired because they are not available to the public. These features and attributes will be substantially impaired by increased closures.

The FAA has previously stated the road closures comprise only 2.1 percent of the total annual Refuge closure hours they calculated, which would appear to be minimal. However, the FAA's decision omitted the recreational hours lost to Refuge visitors. The Refuge is visited by approximately 110,000 visitors annually with 50% or more visiting the Boca Chica tract. Therefore, approximately 55,000 people visit the Boca Chica tract each year. Assuming each visitor to the Boca Chica tract spends only one hour there, closing access to the tract for 180 hours per year (the current closure rate) will result in a loss of 9,900,000 recreational hours per year. Increasing the number of closure hours to 300 per year will result in 16,500,000 recreational hours lost per year. This loss of public recreational hours is significant. Therefore, we reiterate that the impacts of the increased road closures are significant as that term is defined by NEPA and rise to the level of a substantial impairment and thus constitute a "*constructive use*," as defined under Section 4(f). We recommend FAA's NEPA analysis include adequate consideration of these unresolved issues.

Endangered Species Act (ESA)

The FWS is concerned about effects of SpaceX experimental rocket development activities and testing on endangered species. On three separate occasions in 2020, rocket launch failures resulted in explosions and the spread of debris on and off Refuge lands. Videos of these events show evidence of different species of birds being impacted by the blast. However, it is difficult to ascertain what species of migratory birds and/or birds listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA were harmed or harassed. We cannot determine if the blasts and fires resulted in harm (death or injury) to some of the birds or just harassed them. It is unknown if terrestrial species were killed or injured. There is documented evidence that the debris and its removal has impacted and scarred various habitats in the area, including tidal flats which are foraging habitat for the threatened piping plover and red knot. It is unclear how far vibration and noise resulting from the explosions and cleanup have impacted listed species, such as the ocelot, jaguarundi, and northern aplomado falcon. The FWS's inability to enter the action area immediately to survey the area hinders efforts to document these types of impacts before evidence is compromised or lost entirely.

The ESA prohibits the taking of endangered species except as provided for in sections 7 or 10. Since there is no way to promptly assess damages or collect injured or dead animal species, there is no mechanism to document whether SpaceX has exceeded the incidental take for individual species or habitat (sea turtles, ocelots, jaguarundi, piping plover, red knot, northern aplomado

falcon) issued in the original project biological opinion. We believe SpaceX's increase in construction, traffic, personnel levels, closures, lighting, noise and vibration, has exceeded what was evaluated in the biological opinion SUMMARY OF THE FINAL BIOLOGICAL AND CONFERENCE OPINION ON THE EFFECTS TO THE ENDANGERED OCELOT (*Leopardus pardalis*), ENDANGERED GULF COAST JAGUARUNDI (*Herpailurus yagouaroundi cacomitli*), ENDANGERED NORTHERN APLOMADO FALCON (*Falco femoralis septentrionalis*), ENDANGERED KEMP'S RIDLEY SEA TURTLE (*Lepidochelys kempii*), ENDANGERED HAWKSBILL SEA TURTLE (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), ENDANGERED LEATHERBACK SEA TURTLE (*Dermochelys coriacea*), THREATENED GREEN SEA TURTLE (*Chelonia mydas*), THREATENED LOGGERHEAD SEA TURTLE (*Caretta caretta*), THREATENED PIPING PLOVER (*Charadrius melodus*) AND ITS CRITICAL HABITAT, AND PROPOSED TO BE LISTED AS THREATENED RED KNOT (*Calidris canutus rufa*) FROM THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION LAUNCH LICENSE AUTHORIZING SPACEX TO LAUNCH FALCON 9 AND FALCON HEAVY ORBITAL VERTICAL LAUNCH VEHICLES AND A VARIETY OF REUSABLE SUBORBITAL LAUNCH VEHICLES FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY, BOCA CHICA, CAMERON COUNTY, TEXAS; December 18, 2013; Consultation No. 02ETCC00-2012-F-0186, and the FWS has informed SpaceX and FAA they are not in compliance with the current biological opinion numerous times. The FWS is available to assist SpaceX in reducing its risk by avoiding or minimizing impacts and potential take of threatened or endangered species in future activities. The FWS believes reinitiation of section 7 consultation on the aforementioned biological opinion is warranted. We are aware that the FAA is working on a new Biological Assessment and SpaceX is in favor of reinitiation. To date we have not received the document.

Another option to obtain ESA compliance for SpaceX would be to seek a section 10(a)(1)(B) permit that authorizes take of endangered species that is incidental to "otherwise lawful activities."

The FWS believes that an EIS may be the more appropriate NEPA pathway for this proposed action if significant effects cannot be avoided. The FWS requests that you give adequate consideration to and objective analysis of our NEPA concerns; that you adequately comply with the ESA; and, that you conduct an alternative action analysis per Section 4(f) of the Transportation Act of 1966. We appreciate your consideration of our concerns. You may contact me via email at sonny_perez@fws.gov.

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Dear Mr. Murray:

This responds to your letter dated December 1, 2020, establishing your disagreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) opinion that an increase in closure hours from 180 to 300 on the Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuge (Refuge) will not result in a “*constructive use*” as defined by Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966.

Before you finalize your decision, USFWS restates its wildlife and public recreational purposes below and requests that you consider this letter establishing metrics to public disruption that should be considered. Additionally, USFWS has special expertise with respect to the potential wildlife impacts and public disruption of the proposed action. Lastly, I request that you identify or provide guidance for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Section 4(f) determination appeal process.

- The Refuge, and the national Refuge System in general, maintains the biological integrity, diversity and environmental health of these natural resources for the benefit of present and future generations of Americans (National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act of 1997, 16 U.S.C. 668dd-668ee). The Refuge was established in 1979, as a long-term program of acquiring lands to protect and restore the unique biodiversity of the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The stated purposes and legislative authorities for this Refuge are “...*for the development, advancement, management, conservation, and protection of fish and wildlife resources...*” 16 U.S.C. § 742f (a)(4); “...*for the benefit of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, in performing its activities and services. Such acceptance may be subject to the terms of any restrictive or affirmative covenant, or condition of servitude ...*” 16 U.S.C. § 742f(b)(1) (Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956); “...*particular value in carrying out the national migratory bird management program*” 16 U.S.C. § 667b (An Act Authorizing the Transfer of Certain Real Property for Wildlife, or other purposes); “...*suitable for— (1) incidental fish and wildlife-oriented recreational development, (2) the protection of natural resources, (3) the conservation of endangered species or threatened species ...*” 16 U.S.C. § 460k-1 “... *the Secretary ... may accept and use ... real ... property. Such*

acceptance may be accomplished under the terms and conditions of restrictive covenants imposed by donors ... 16 U.S.C. § 460k-2 (Refuge Recreation Act) (16 U.S.C. § 460k-460k-4, as amended); and, *"... for use as an inviolate sanctuary, or for any other management purpose, for migratory birds"* 16 U.S.C. § 715d (Migratory Bird Conservation Act). The Refuge therefore ensures the conservation of fish, wildlife and plant populations and their habitat, which is necessary for the scientific study of wildlife, conservation biology and ecosystem management.

- The Refuge also provides six wildlife-dependent recreational uses, which include: hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

The Boca Chica tract can only be accessed by Highway 4, which as of now can be closed 180 hours per year because of SpaceX activities. The SpaceX complex is accessed by Highway 4, which SpaceX now wants to close for approximately 300 hours per year. Refuge trend data suggests that 110,000 visitors access the Refuge for these uses and more than half are visitors to the Boca Chica tract and other associated public use tracts along Highway 4. These areas are, and will continue to be, substantially impaired by road closures required for SpaceX activities. Each road closure requires the temporary occupancy by SpaceX officials only (no public).

FAA frames their decision upon the total number of road closure hours (2.1 percent of a total 8,760 annual hours), which they determine 2.1 percent to be minimal. However, the FAA's decision does not consider the recreational hours lost to Refuge visitors caused by road closures associated with SpaceX activities. The Refuge is visited by approximately 110,000 visitors annually with 50% or more visiting the Boca Chica tract. Therefore, approximately 55,000 people visit the Boca Chica tract each year. Assuming each visitor to the Boca Chica tract spends only one hour there, closing access to the tract for 180 hours per year (the current closure rate) will result in a loss of 9,900,000 visitor hours per year. Increasing the number of closure hours to 300 per year will result in 16,500,000 recreational hours lost per year. This loss of public recreation hours is significant. And, we reiterate our belief that the indirect impacts of the increased highway closures rise to the level of a substantial impairment and are so adverse and severe that they result in a constructive use.

- Each closure requires the temporary occupancy of the closed Highway 4 by SpaceX officials only (no public). SpaceX officials are the only people allowed access to 8 Refuge tracts, including the Boca Chica tract, totaling 22,500 acres which is 56% of the Refuge's total public use acres. More importantly, it is 100% of the Refuge's acres readily accessible to the City of Brownsville's 183,000 people (2018 data).

Based upon our calculations, the proximity impact of this transportation project is potentially so great that the purposes of the Refuge are substantially impaired even with the estimation of only one hour of visitation per person. Road closures on the Refuge that are required for SpaceX activities, albeit temporary in nature, have a negative impact on the Refuge because 100% of Refuge recreational acreage readily accessible to the City of Brownsville is lost for use by the public at a rate of 180 hours per visitor each year.

We appreciate your consideration of these additional figures and look forward to discussing these or other concerns as pertains to the SpaceX Boca Chica site. You may contact me via email at sonny_perez@fws.gov or (b) (6)

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