

FINAL REPORT

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THE ENDANGERED SPECIES PROGRAM

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Grant No. TX E-143-HL

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Endangered and Threatened Species Conservation

Cobb Cavern Habitat Conservation Plan Lands Acquisition

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STATE: Texas **GRANT NUMBER:** TX E-143-HL

GRANT TITLE: Cobb Cavern Habitat Conservation Plan Lands Acquisition

REPORTING PERIOD: 22 Aug 11 to 21 Aug 14

OBJECTIVE(S): To acquire a 67-acre conservation easement as karst habitat preserve (Western Cobb Preserve) including a portion of Cobb Cavern during 2011-2012 in Williamson County, Texas.

Segment Objectives:

- Task 1.** Arrange reimbursement contract TPWD;
- Task 2.** Obtain survey/legal description of property;
- Task 3.** Obtain and review property appraisal;
- Task 4.** Apprise landowner of appraisal;
- Task 5.** Grant easement covering property;
- Task 6.** Record title(s) with federal interest included; and
- Task 7.** Final Report.

Significant Deviations: see FY2012 Interim Performance Report.

Summary Of Progress: Since the filing of the FY13 Interim Performance Report for this grant (TX E-143-HL) an attempt was made by Williamson County, subgrantee, to redirect grant funds toward another property of equal or greater conservation value than the original. Delays on the Williamson County side in assembling materials for a revised Project Statement required for approval of continuation of the grant prevented its timely submission to this office. A period extension was requested via email (Thu 7/24/2014 1:34 PM; email on file) by Williamson County to further pursue a revision to the original Project Statement. Since this request arrived less than one month before the grant expiration, and prior to them having submitted a revised Project Statement, or any other materials (e.g., survey, appraisals, etc) related to a new acquisition, we were unable to move forward with the extension request. The grant expired 21 August 2014; all funds for this grant will be returned to USFWS.

Location: Williamson County, Texas.

Cost: Costs were not available at time of this report, they will be available upon completion of the Final Report and conclusion of the project.

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