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**Section 6 (Texas Non-traditional) Report Review**

Attachment to letter dated \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Title:** Conservation of Star Cactus & Other Rare Species from the Starr County Ramaderos

**Final or Interim Report?** Interim

**Grant #:** E-36-RL

**Nontraditional Program (check one):**

- ☒ Recovery Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Land Acquisition
- ☐ HCP Planning Assistance
- ☐ Safe Harbors / CCAAs

**Reviewer Station:** Corpus Christi ESFO

**Lead station was contacted and concurs with the following comments:**

☐ Yes   ☐ No   ☒ Not applicable (reviewer is from lead station)

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**Interim Report (check one):**

☒ is acceptable as is

☐ is acceptable as is, but comments below need to be addressed in the next report

☐ needs revision (see comments below)

**Final Report (check one):**

☐ is acceptable as is

☐ is acceptable, but needs minor revision (see comments below)

☐ needs major revision (see comments below)

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**Comments:**

We appreciate the conservation efforts by The Nature Conservancy and understand that management for the Star cactus and other rare species found on the 416 acre site will be in perpetuity.

## INTERIM REPORT

State: Texas

Grant Number: E-36-RL

**Grant Title:** Conservation of Star Cactus and Other Rare Species from the Starr County Ramaderos

**Grant Program:** Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation (15.615)

**Contract Period:** November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2005

**Reporting Period:** November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004

**Objective:** To acquire a 416-acre site in Starr County, Texas containing the federally listed endangered star cactus (*Astrophytum asterias*) and other globally rare species by fee simple acquisition.

### Accomplishments:

Fish and Wildlife Service purchase conditions in letter (R2/FA, E-36-RL) dated October 28, 2002 were met by the subgrantee, The Nature Conservancy. The Conservancy was approved to proceed with acquisition of the 416.0-acre site in Starr County, Texas August 19, 2004.

### Significant Deviations:

The goal to complete the acquisition by the end of March 2004 was not obtained, but did happen by November. Documents required by the Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be prepared during the last reporting period for reimbursement.

**Total Cost Billed:** \$0.00

Prepared and Approved by  Date: January 20, 2005

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**Federal Aid Project  
Summary of Land Costs**

**State:** Texas **County(ies):** Starr

**Grant No.:** E-36-RL **Segment No.:** 1 **Grant Period:** 11/01/02 to 10/31/05

**Grant Title:** Conservation of Star Cactus and Other Rare Species from the Starr Co  
Ramaderos

**Acquisition Name:** Guerrero Tract

**Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy

**Date Acquired:** 11/10/04

**Acreage:** 415.292 Acres

**Appraised Value:** \$291,000

**Purchase Price:** \$228,800

**Appraisal Costs:** \$0

**Relocation Costs:** \$0

**Survey Costs:** \$0

**Closing Costs:** \$0

**Salaries, Per Diem, and Associated Costs:** \$0

**In-kind Value (if applicable, describe in-kind contribution)** \$0

**Miscellaneous (Lands Donated Value):** \$62,200  
**(Other):** \$0

**Total Costs to Acquire Property:** \$291,000

**Total Allowable Grant Costs:** \$275,777

**Grant Cost Share Percentages:** **Federal** 58.3 % **State** 41.7%

**Total Federal Reimbursement:** \$160,773

**Excess Match:** \$15,223