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Section 6 (Texas Non-traditional) Report Review

Attachment to letter dated _____

Project Title: Conservation of the Pecos Sunflower and
Associated Rare Species in Diamond Y Cienega of West Texas
Recovery Land Acquisition

Final or Interim Report? Interim

Grant #: E-37-RL

Reviewer Station: Austin ESFO

Lead station was contacted and concurs with the following comments:

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

Nontraditional Program (check one):

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

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)

Comments:

We appreciate the conservation efforts by The Nature Conservancy and understand that management for the Pecos sunflower and other rare species found on the 2,460 acre site will be in perpetuity.



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FA-TEXAS

GRANT: E-37-RL

Joyce Johnson, Chief
Division of Federal Aid, Region II
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
P.O. Box 1306
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103

Attention: Carlotta Ortiz

Dear Joyce:

Enclosed is an Interim Report for the above grant (Conservation of the Pecos Sunflower and Associated Rare Species in Diamond Y Cienega of West Texas Recovery Land Acquisition). If you have any questions, please call me at 512-389-4641.

Sincerely,

Neil (Nick) E. Carter
Federal Aid Coordinator

NEC

Enclosure

cc: Craig Farquhar
Christina Williams
Brian Garcia



Take a kid
hunting or fishing

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Visit a state park
or historic site

INTERIM REPORT

State: Texas

Grant Number: E-37-RL

Grant Title: Conservation of the Pecos Sunflower and Associated Rare Species in the Diamond Y Cienega of West Texas Recovery Land Acquisition

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 2,460 additional acres to expand the core land-base and long-term viability of the Diamond Y Spring Preserve to the Benefit of Pecos Sunflower and other Cienega Dependent Species.

Accomplishments:

Acquisition of the property has been completed, and this period has been spent gathering documentation for reimbursement. This process included establishing an endowment to be invested and managed in perpetuity for the benefit of the Preserve. Program income (seismic survey) generated from this grant (\$26,619) was added to the endowment bringing the total to \$61,618.

Significant Deviations:

Documentation process was not completed due to difficulty of understanding and meeting Federal conditions presented in Fish and Wildlife Service letter (R2/FA E-37-RL-1). These were accomplished after the reporting period, and payment is in progress.

Total Cost Billed: \$0.00

Prepared and Approved by:



Neil E. Carter

Federal Aid Coordinator

Date: January 20, 2005

**Federal Aid Project
Summary of Land Costs**

Acquisition Name: Gonzales II Tract **County:** Pecos

Grant Title: Conservation of the Pecos Sunflower and Associated Rare Species

Project No.: E-37-RL **Segment No.:** 1

Grant Period: November 1, 2002 through October 31, 2005

State: Texas

1. **Grantor:** The Nature Conservancy
2. **Date Acquired:** December 17, 2002 (in-kind acquired April 22, 1990)
3. **Acreage:** 2588.08 (plus 1501.30 acres – Gonzales I tract as in-kind)
4. **Appraised Value:** \$225,000 (see attached for in-kind value)
5. **Purchase Price:** \$232,927 (\$200,000 purchase price for in-kind)
6. **Appraisal Costs:** \$4,584
7. **Relocation Costs:** \$0
8. **Survey Costs:** \$1,170.25
9. **Closing Costs:** \$355.79
10. **Associated Costs:** \$234.12
11. **Pipeline Easement:** \$6,392.25 (subtracted from Total Acquisition Costs)
12. **Endowment (In-kind contribution):** \$35,000 (see attached letter)
13. **Program Income:** \$26,618.93 (program income added to project and used to increase stewardship endowment. See enclosed letter.)
14. **Miscellaneous:** \$6,940.32*
15. **Total Federal Costs:** \$234,222 (49.9%)
16. **Total State Costs (include in-kind):** \$246,619 (50.1%)
17. **Costs Subject to Reimbursement:** Total Acquisition Costs \$466,892
Total Allowable Costs \$466,892
FA Reimbursement \$232,979 (49.9%)
State Match \$233,913 (50.1%)

*3% overhead on the Federal share