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Our regional office informs me that a number of high-profile national news outlets are inquiring about if/how the SpaceX explosion has affected Boca Chica NWR, which is near the launch site. This is part of ongoing press interest in SpaceX and the refuge, for which DOI OCO has already approved a number of statements and/or we have deferred to FAA.

Apparently, SpaceX has everything closed until 2 p.m. today so FWS staff are still waiting to be allowed in to assess impacts/damage to our property near the launch site. We hope to have a statement prepared later this evening or tomorrow and will share for your review/approval.

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