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FYI,

There is more to this and Sonny will discuss with you next week.

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Steve,

Here are some talking points should this topic come up in discussion with Amy while we are in the RGV next week.

#### Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR

Recommendation to deny additional ROW requests to SpaceX on the Lower Rio Grande Valley NWR, Boca Chica, Cameron County, Texas

- SpaceX purchased the 21-acre Massey property (an inholding surrounded by FWS tract 209 (Boca Chica) with an existing road (Massey Way Road) which SpaceX has been contracting road improvements.
- SpaceX stated the Massey site is being developed for the purpose of testing rocket engines.
- Realty review suggests SpaceX has an ingress/egress rights only related to the existing road.
- SpaceX has filed an application to install buried utilities such as 3-phase power (via directional drilling) and fiber optic lines along the road and has requested a gate be installed on the refuge to prevent general public access.
- A preliminary review of ROW application suggests the granting of this ROW easement for private utilities would facilitate further development of the site and could pose long term adverse impacts to refuge lands, migratory birds, recovery habitats and resources for threatened and endangered species and would likely be found not appropriate.
- Massey site is not included in FAA's current license nor is it covered in the upcoming

licensing action.

- ES previously requested that SpaceX consider an HCP to cover take of listed species from plans we have seen referenced for the Massey site.

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