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As Laury notes in her email we have not been able to access the Refuge lands until this afternoon as it has been closed to ensure safety. The region will continue to coordinate with Barbara's folks to prepare a statement as we are able to gather info. We can prepare a BP early next week for the Director if that would be helpful background

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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.

Laury Marshall

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