

Carlsbad BLM Spring and Wetland Habitat Conservation Project (Pipe Fence Enclosure)



Background Information

- Three rare, and ecologically important springs have been identified on the Carlsbad BLM district that are in need of habitat protection. These springs are an important source of water for wildlife in the area and are currently being impacted by heavy livestock use.
- There are remnants of wire fences around these springs that are in need of a complete renovation. Regular flooding events also necessitate the installation of a new water gap pipe fence.
- Some of these springs are unfenced, but the permittees and range staff are in support of fencing all three to prevent livestock access.
- Installation of pipe fence around these springs would protect these water sources and habitat exclusively for wildlife benefit. Mule deer, quail, dove, migratory songbirds and other game and non-game wildlife species would benefit from this project.

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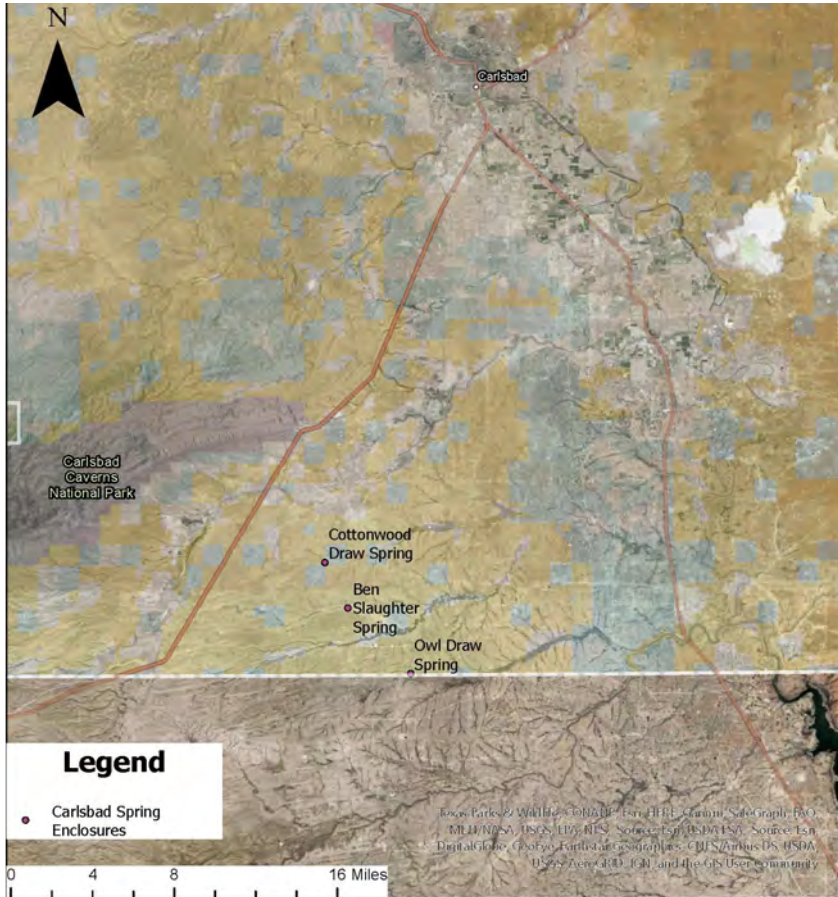
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Proposed Management Action

- NMDGF, in collaboration with the Carlsbad BLM, will contract the construction of a new pipe rail fence. The perimeter of the fenced areas will be approximately 1 mile, with a total enclosed area of approximately 48 acres.
- Approximately .0585 miles of this project will be on State Trust Land and no HSP funds will be used for this section of fence. Other funding sources for this section have been identified.
- The fence will be constructed of 2 3/8" pipe, with a pipe top rail and supports and two 5/8" cables as the middle and bottom rails.
- Projected costs for this pipe fence are approximately \$25.00/ft
- Once constructed, the fence will require little to no annual maintenance

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Estimated Budget for HSP: \$125,000



Cottonwood Draw Spring



Ben Slaughter Spring



Owl Draw Spring

