

Border Barrier Remediation Public Feedback and Future Plans

United States Border Patrol

Infrastructure Portfolio



Agenda

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Overview



Overview of Border Barrier Projects

As of January 20, 2021, ~458 miles of barrier have been completed with sites in various stages of construction

DHS funding

~113 completed miles
(~21 miles in Rio Grande Valley Sector are in various stages of construction)

Department of Defense (DoD) 284 Counter-Narcotics funding

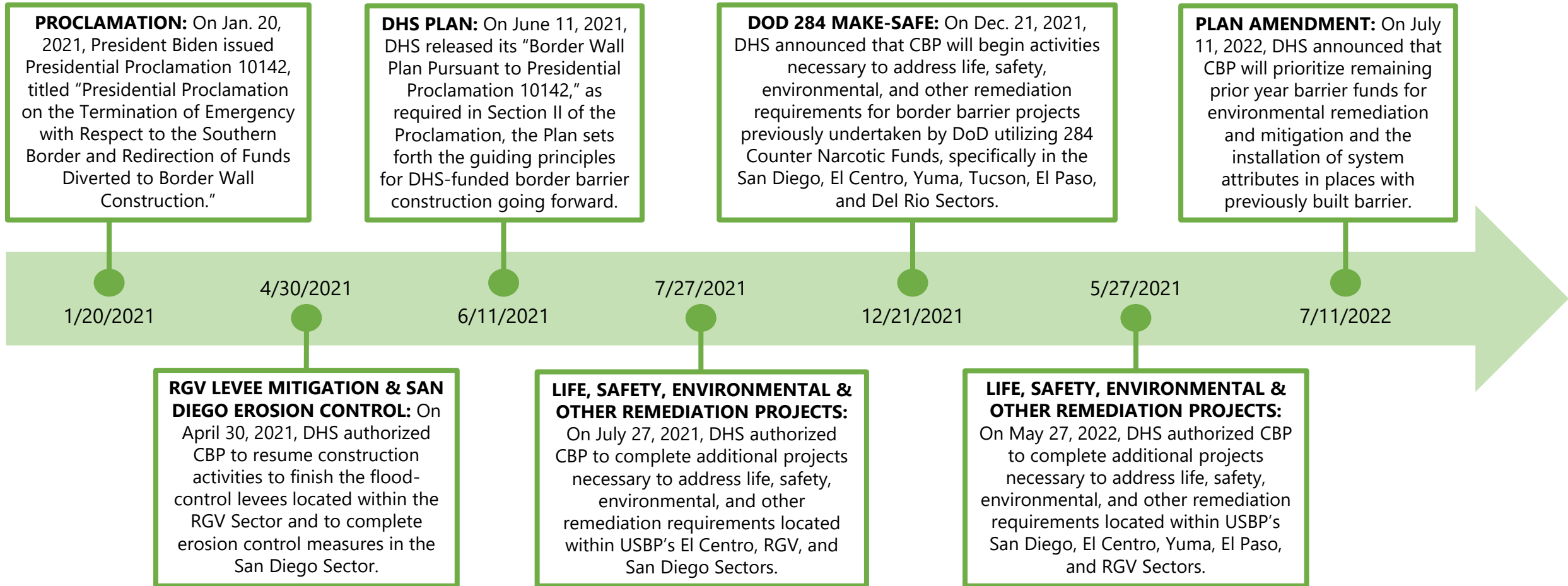
~259 completed miles

DoD 2808 Military Construction funding

~87 completed miles

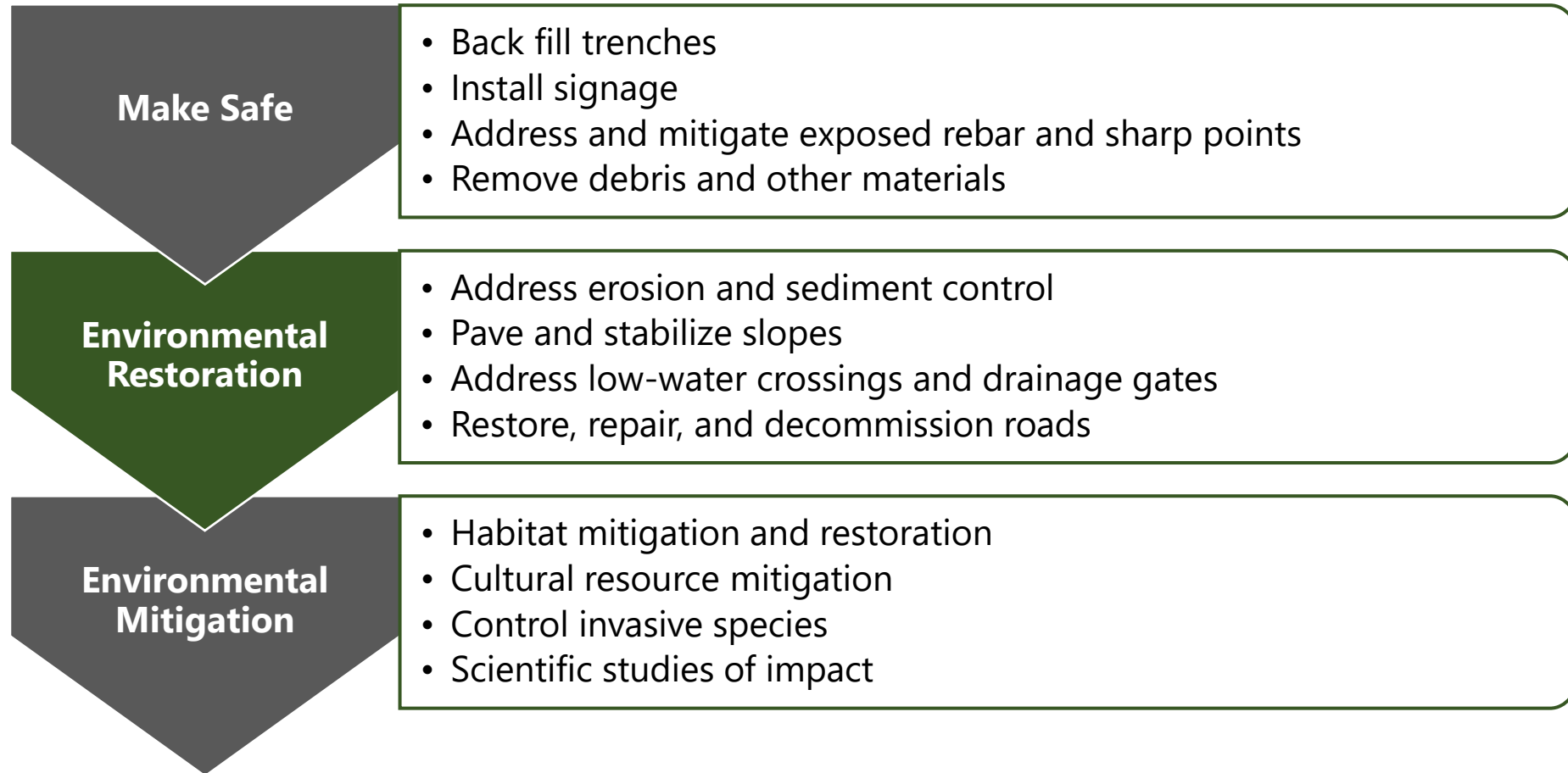
Prior to the start of work, make safe activities will be the subject of an environmental planning process, including compliance with NEPA

January 20, 2021 – Today



Make Safe, Restoration, and Environmental Mitigation

DHS intends to prioritize remediation projects that are needed to address life and safety, including the protection of the public, USBP agents, and nearby communities from potential harms, and avert environmental damage or degradation.





SECTOR REMEDIATION PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIODS

Where: Tucson, Rio Grande Valley, El Paso, Yuma, San Diego, Del Rio, El Centro

What: Plans summarizing remediation activities for 284-funded projects

When:

- Tucson | Jan. 4 – Feb. 3, 2022
- Rio Grande Valley | Jan. – March 2022
 - El Paso | March 8 – April 7, 2022
 - Yuma | April 21 – May 20, 2022
- San Diego | May 25 – June 24, 2022
- El Centro | June 28 – July 28, 2022
- Del Rio | Aug. 2 to Sept. 2, 2022

How: Emails, [website](#), briefings, StoryMap



Current Status by Sector

Sector Map



Number of Feedback Comments Collected, by Comment Category



Comment Category	San Diego	El Centro	Yuma	Tucson	El Paso	Del Rio
Access roads	–	8	4	132	4	–
Best Practices	4	1	2	10	6	–
Border wall completion	6	–	–	47	3	–
Cultural Resources	3	5	3	24	2	2
Disturbed Land Areas	3	14	6	416	9	–
Drainages and Low Water Crossings	3	12	2	268	5	–
Erosion	3	7	2	318	7	–
Gates/Gaps	2	1	2	186	7	–
Habitat/Wildlife	2	6	4	535	12	1
Lighting	2	–	1	159	10	–
Project Priority	–	–	–	11	3	–
Public Safety and Accessibility	2	3	–	7	3	–
Virtual Wall	–	–	–	10	–	–
Other	7	3	9	231	3	2



FEEDBACK

Comment Period: May 25 – June 24, 2022

Specific to the San Diego Sector, commenters:

- Provided input on stormwater best management practices
- Recommended consulting with impacted or interested tribes

While not part of the scope for the San Diego Sector border barrier remediation projects, commenters:

- Expressed concern about the **Tijuana River Barrier**, a bridge project over the river with storm water gates below, and about construction plans near **Friendship Park**
- Requested the restoration of the **Binational Garden**



CONTRACTS

Contracts will be awarded Fall 2022 and work will start Winter 2022–2023.

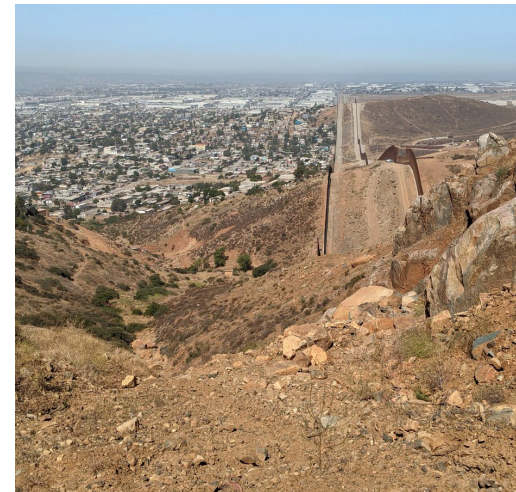


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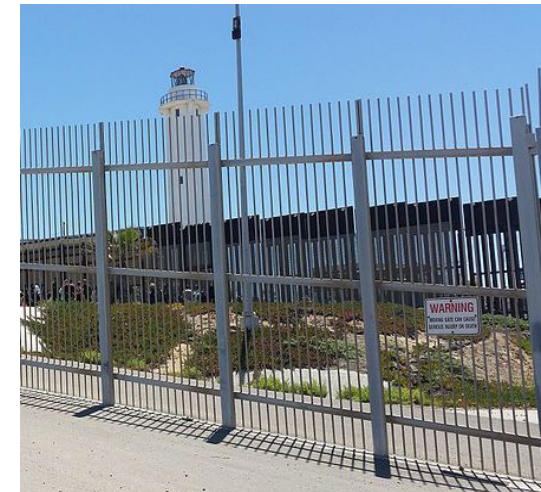
Approximately
14 miles



Above: Tijuana River canal in the San Diego Sector



Above: Looking down onto border barrier from construction area



Above: Friendship Park on Monument



FEEDBACK

Comment Period: June 28 – July 28, 2022

Specific to the El Centro Sector, commenters:

- Requested berms along paved roads in **Davies and Skull valleys** (impacting water flow and challenging for animals to cross)
- Expressed concern about erosion on steep loop road and hillsides, especially in **Davies Valley and near the area of wall at Mt. Signal**



CONTRACTS

Contracts will be awarded Fall 2022 and work will start Winter 2022-2023.



LENGTH

Approximately
11 miles



Right: Road work in El Centro Sector

Below: Concrete work alongside the border barrier.



Right: Road construction along the border barrier





FEEDBACK

Comment Period: April 21 – May 20, 2022

Specific to the Yuma Sector, commenters:

- Recommended conducting damage assessments on cultural sites and evaluating sites for inclusion into the **National Register of Historic Places**



LENGTH

Approximately
15 miles



Below: Border barrier and road in Yuma Sector



Right: Disturbed land adjacent to the border barrier

Below: Construction materials





FEEDBACK

Comment Period: Jan. 4 – Feb. 3, 2022

Specific to the Tucson Sector, commenters:

- Expressed concern about the closure of gates at **San Pedro River, Silver Creek, Black Draw, and Hay Hollow**
- Warned about flooding potential in the **San Pedro River** and **Guadalupe Canyon** areas
- Suggested decommissioning or restoring roads and disturbed areas within the **Coronado National Forest, Coronado National Memorial, and Guadalupe Canyon**



CONTRACTS

Two contracts have been awarded and construction will start in October 2022.



LENGTH

Approximately
119 miles



Above: Wildflowers in Tucson Sector



Above: Coronado National Forest (looking east)



Right: Low water crossing



FEEDBACK

Comment Period: March 8 – April 7, 2022

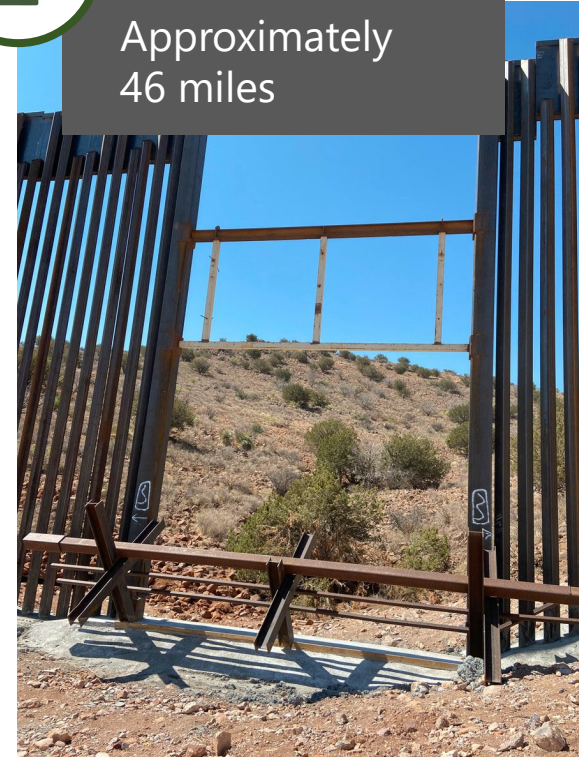
Specific to the El Paso Sector, commenters:

- Suggested hiring contractors knowledgeable about contouring the land, in ecologically sound ways, for restoration of areas impacted by gouging and blasting, such as the **Whitewater and Carrizalillo Mountains**
- Noted that CBP should ensure adequate placement of gates in FEMA-identified flood zones, which includes most of the **border barrier in El Paso County east of the Rio Grande**



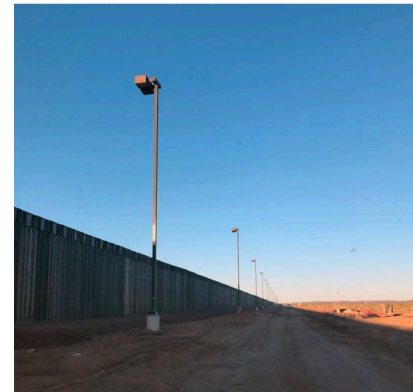
LENGTH

Approximately
46 miles



Left: Gap in border barrier in the El Paso Sector

Below: Light poles along border barrier near Deming Monument



Left: A burrowing owl, and endangered species, roosts near the border barrier



FEEDBACK

Comment Period: Aug. 2 – Sept. 2, 2022

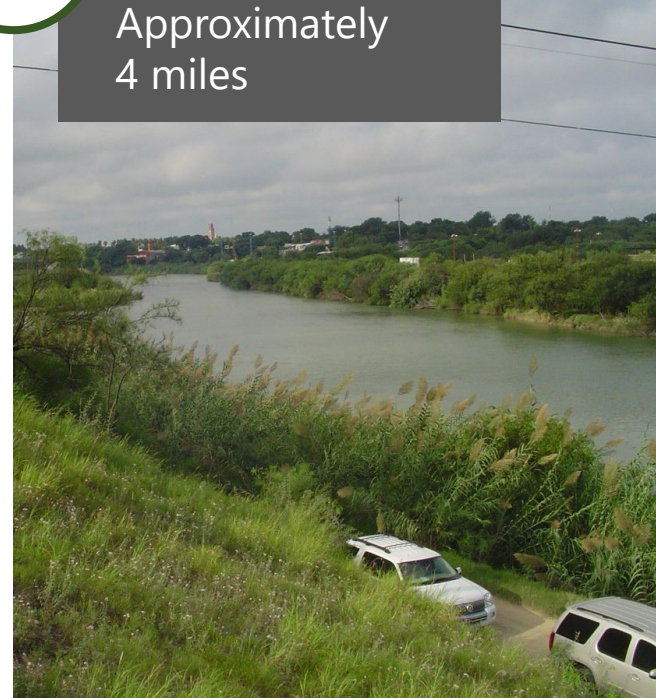
Specific to the Del Rio Sector, commenters:

- Noted the long list of list of known designated historic properties within the Area of Potential Effect, including the **The Lee Building**, which was designated as a Recorded Texas Historic Landmark in 1968
- Expressed concern about preservation of **Carrizo Comecrudo Tribe of Texas villages sites** with wall paintings between Laredo and Sanderson, all the way to Ozuna and even up to San Angelo

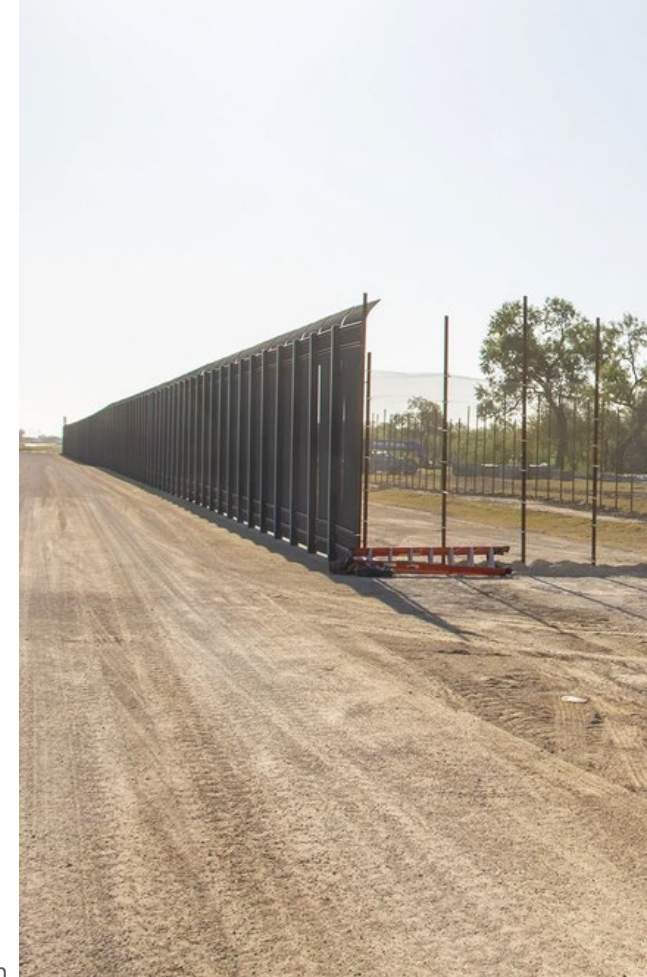


LENGTH

Approximately
4 miles



Above: Border Patrol drives along the Rio Grande in the Del Rio Sector



Right: Unfinished border barrier relocation



REMEDIATION WORK

CBP is working to remediate the earthen flood control levees in Hidalgo County, Texas. The earthen flood control levees are being remediated with new concrete levees.

The approved modified design for the levee repairs includes a four-to-six-foot high guardrail installed on the top of the concrete vertical flood control levee.



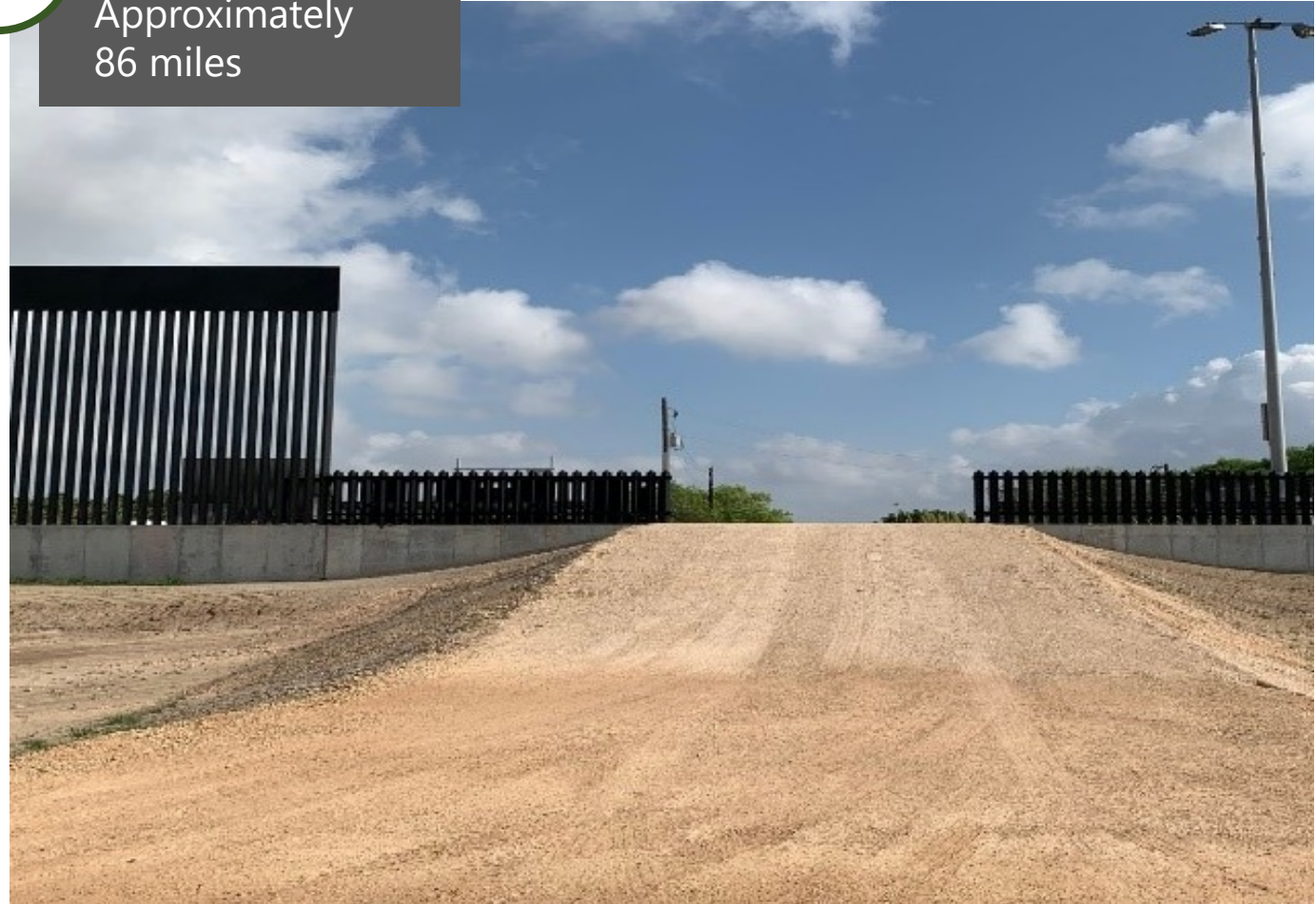
CONTRACTS

The majority of the levee remediation is complete. The remaining work is anticipated to be complete in late 2022.



LENGTH

Approximately
86 miles



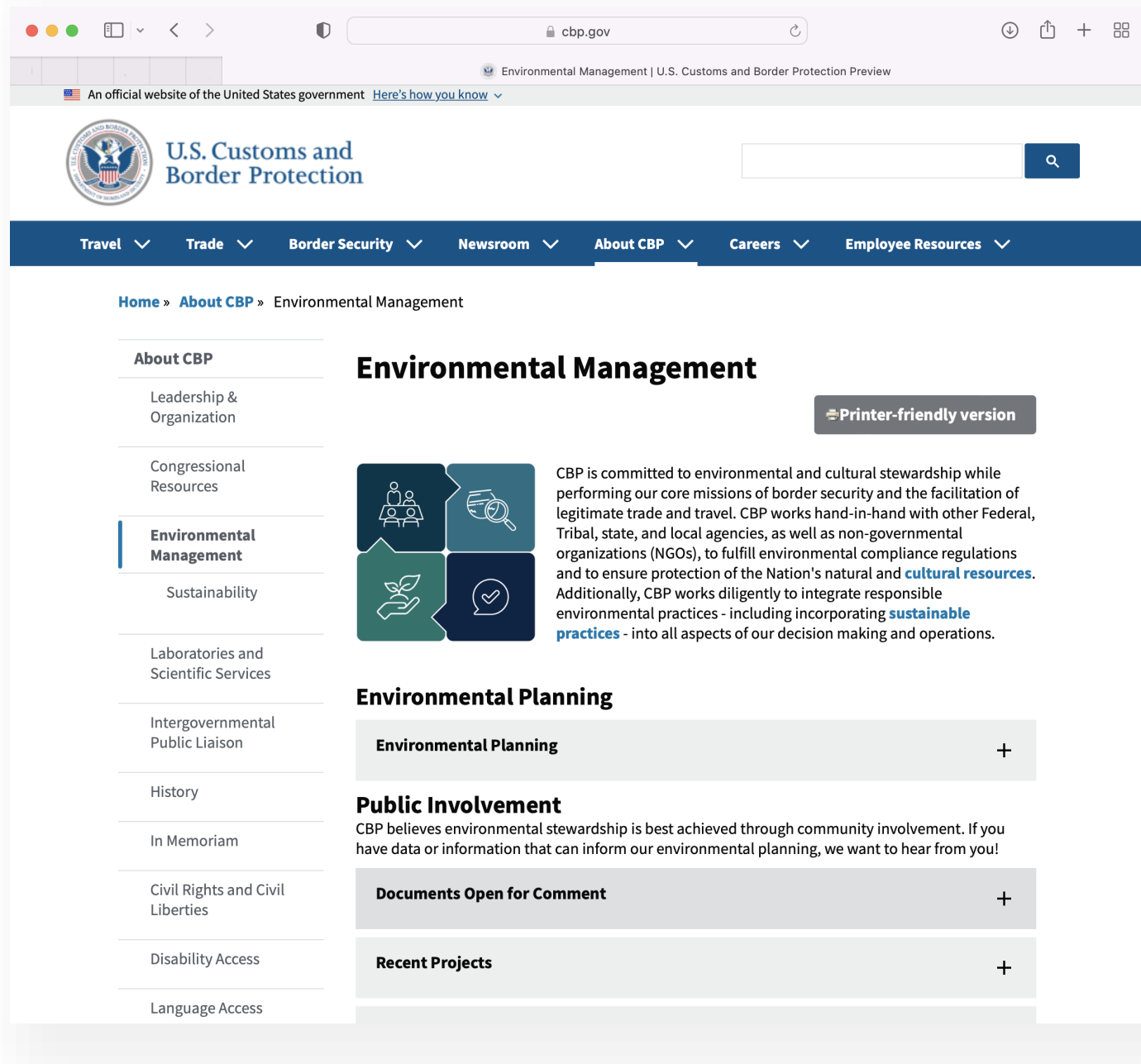
Above: The new safety guardrails in between the previously constructed 18 ft levee barrier

More Information

Further information and updates, including Spanish-language materials, can be found on the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website at cbp.gov/about/environmental-management

Send any comments to commentseenv@cbp.dhs.gov

Thank You!



The screenshot shows the U.S. Customs and Border Protection website. The browser address bar displays 'cbp.gov'. The page header includes the U.S. Customs and Border Protection logo and a search bar. The main navigation menu contains links for Travel, Trade, Border Security, Newsroom, About CBP, Careers, and Employee Resources. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Home » About CBP » Environmental Management'. A left sidebar lists various 'About CBP' categories, with 'Environmental Management' selected. The main content area features a title 'Environmental Management' and a 'Printer-friendly version' button. Below the title are four icons representing different aspects of environmental management: a group of people, a magnifying glass, a hand holding a plant, and a checkmark. The text explains that CBP is committed to environmental and cultural stewardship while performing its core missions. It mentions that CBP works with other Federal, Tribal, state, and local agencies, as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to fulfill environmental compliance regulations and ensure protection of the Nation's natural and cultural resources. Additionally, CBP works to integrate responsible environmental practices, including incorporating sustainable practices into all aspects of decision making and operations. Below this text are three expandable sections: 'Environmental Planning', 'Public Involvement', and 'Documents Open for Comment', each with a plus sign icon. A 'Recent Projects' section is also visible at the bottom.





Thank You!

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