

Rio Grande Valley fence proposal

The U.S. Border Patrol is proposing to install fences, patrol roads, lights and other infrastructure along about 70 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border in the Rio Grande Valley. Environmental impact is being studied. If approved, fence segments could be under construction by spring.

— Border fence proposed locations

■ South Texas wildlife refuges
 South Texas has about 190,000 acres of wildlife refuge and nature preserves made up of the Rio Grande wildlife corridor, the Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, Santa Ana National Wildlife Refuge and some state park land.

By the numbers

- 70:** Approximate miles of proposed fencing in the Rio Grande Valley
- 21:** Number of fence segments, ranging from about 1 mile to 13 miles
- 16:** Minimum height of fence, in feet, with up to 6 feet underground
- 60:** Width, in feet, of fence corridor during construction
- 508:** Acres affected during construction

Border Patrol apprehensions

In thousands
 Fiscal year to date (Oct. 1, 2006 - Aug. 31)

Fencing
 ● Proposed
 ● Existing
 *Includes part of New Mexico

