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.

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Border fence proposed locations

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.

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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

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Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Ramon Rivera, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Associated Press; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; ESRI; U.S. Census Bureau

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