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Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative

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Pecos River

BACKGROUND

The Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative was launched in 2017 to address wildlife species and their habitats in the Pecos River watershed of West Texas and Southeast New Mexico. The Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative (PWCi) will identify significant conservation opportunities that improve habitat, address water scarcity, improve water quality and engage local communities.

The PWCi will award at least \$1.5 million in competitive grants in early 2018. This will be the first set of investments for the program and the initial focus will be on habitat restoration projects in identified focal geographies as well as efforts to fill in key information gaps for focal species.

The PWCi is an unprecedented and strategic partnership between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), oil and natural gas companies with significant

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Pronghorn, New Mexico

operations in the Permian Basin, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, along with Texas Parks and Wildlife and New Mexico Game and Fish. As the program develops in the next two to three years, we will broaden this partnership to include local, state and nonprofit groups which will be coordinating conservation on the ground and with local communities.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Pecos Watershed Conservation Initiative will:

- Strengthen the health of habitat along the Pecos River and its tributaries in West Texas and southern New Mexico, including some of the last remaining populations of fish and other aquatic species found only in the Chihuahuan Desert
- Improve the management and function of native

grasslands, many of which have been negatively impacted by past management and fragmentation

- Address water quality and scarcity concerns for wildlife and agricultural uses
- Identify opportunities to re-establish species to areas of their range where they have been lost or bolster small remnant populations

The PWCI investments will be targeted primarily to subwatersheds and grasslands within the region where investments in restoration are expected to realize the greatest return. The strategy for restoration in these places is determined by a team of local partners with on-the-ground knowledge of conservation needs and opportunities.