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TO: CBBEP Board of Directors

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RE: CBBEP Property Management Update

NUECES DELTA PRESERVE

Habitat- The CBBEP constructed wetland is once again full. The NDP has received over 9 inches of rain since the outer bands of Hurricane Alex made landfall in San Patricio County. After only days of being full of water the area is already covered in both mottled and black bellied whistling ducks. Every depression on the NDP is currently holding water. This will be a good fall for the wildlife at the NDP.

Management- CBBEP has received private land partnership dollars from USFWS. CBBEP is waiting until nesting season for birds is over and then CBBEP will begin brush management efforts. When the birds are done nesting cbbep will use a combination of both herbicide and mechanical removal on invasive native brush. CBBEP will also meet with prescribed burn specialists to determine if the conditions will be right this year to implement and additional round of prescribed fire.

Infrastructure- Since the last report CBBEP has started meeting with a local landscape architect to design a deck, sidewalk and observation tower that will be integrated into the Education Center. CBBEP is anticipating draft sketches will be available for our review towards the end of the month. CBBEP has also been working with locally owned and operated Arrow Display to design several additional signs for the NDP. These signs will help visitors more easily navigate the property. In the future CBBEP will be constructing an equipment barn on site to store the tractor, people mover and various agricultural implements. To prolong the life of the tractor and the implements it is best to keep them covered when possible.