



**Just From Jan**  
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**Round 2 of Operation New Fences**

from Lance Williams, TDA Producer Relations Specialist

The following counties are eligible for the Operation New Fences program: Coke, Archer, Bastrop, Baylor, Brewster, Caldwell, Clay, Cottle, Crockett, Crosby, Dallam, Dickens, Fisher, Foard, Freestone, Garza, Hartley, Haskell, Hutchinson, Jack, Jeff Davis, Kent, King, Lipscomb, Limestone, Midland, Mitchell, Moore, Motley, Nacogdoches, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Scurry, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Terrell, Terry, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Trinity, Val Verde, Wichita and Young.

Only counties that have applied for the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) funding through USDA-FSA are eligible.

One difference in qualifying for round 2 versus round 1 is that only the ECP Form 848 is required. To be eligible, applicants must submit a completed FSA 848 application for federal assistance through the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) to certify that agriculture fences were damaged or destroyed due to wildfires.

Producers approved for STAR Fund assistance may be awarded a voucher for fencing supplies worth up to \$500 (exact voucher values will be determined based on the number of eligible producers applying). Postmark application deadline will be November 18th. Approved vouchers will be valid for use

from December 1 - December 31, 2011 at participating vendors, which will be listed on the voucher.

Applications for Round 2 of STAR Fund grants are being accepted Nov. 1-Nov.18. The STAR Fund applications may be downloaded at [www.TexasAgriculture.gov](http://www.TexasAgriculture.gov). (Search STAR.)

Applications should be available at local AgriLife Extension offices in counties that are eligible for federal ECP funding.

All applications must be mailed to TDA and postmarked by Nov. 18, 2011.

For more information, contact Texas AgriLife Extension office located in the Coke County Courthouse.

**Robert Lee Volunteer Fire Department Memorials**

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- Barbara & Jo Louise Adkins
- Mark & Cindy Riley
- Mike & Fran Lomas

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- Mark & Sherleen Aycock
- Stanley & Claudia Post
- Mike & Fran Lomas
- Fran Sonnenberg
- JT & Terry Farris
- John & Barbara Cheatham
- Nita & Kenneth Hester
- Dean Percifull
- Ivey Motor Company
- Tom & Gay Sawyer & Families
- Mark & Cindy Riley
- Bobby & Joyce Walker
- Barbara Adkins
- Clayton & Pansy Bloodworth
- Charlotte Millican
- Courthouse Gang
- Karen Rasco
- Richard & Suzann Johnson
- Betty J. Drennan
- Knox Oilfield Company
- Lavanco Energy

**Rosie Davis:**

- Barbara Billings
- Mark & Cindy Riley



**Just Say No ... to Poaching!** Texas Parks and Wildlife Game Warden Jim Allen presented a program Wednesday, October 26, 2011, on the prevention of poaching to the RAs and GAs at First Baptist Church in Bronte.

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| Karen Rasco               | Bobby & Joyce Walker     | Bloodworth                           |
| Richard & Suzann Johnson  | <b>Shawna Kay Seale:</b> | Nell Hines                           |
| Betty J. Drennan          | Charlotte Millican       | George Ann Crowder                   |
| <b>Clifford Wilson:</b>   | <b>Weldon Fikes:</b>     | Lynn & Shirley Davidson              |
| Mark & Cindy Riley        | Mark & Cindy Riley       | <b>Donations</b>                     |
| <b>Faye Coaksey:</b>      | Karen Rasco              | Thelma Lomas                         |
| Mike & Fran Lomas         | Mike & Fran Lomas        | Clark & Noel Tinkler                 |
| David & Lisa Lewis        | Courthouse Gang          | <b>West Coke County EMS Memorial</b> |
| <b>Ethel Zimmerman:</b>   | Bobby & Joyce Walker     | <b>Weldon Fikes</b>                  |
| Karen Rasco               | Allen & Carole           | Robbie & Lynn Beal                   |
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**Notice of a Finding of No Significant Impact**

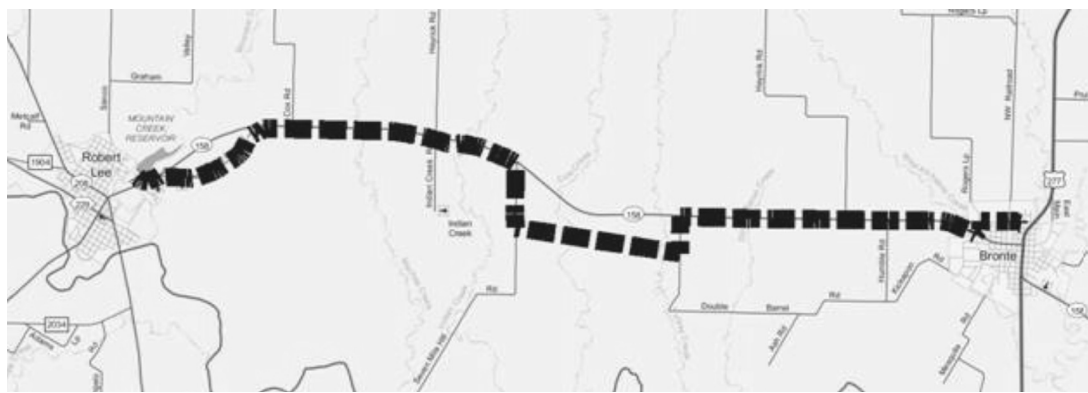
The USDA, Rural Utilities Service has received an application for financial assistance from the City of Robert Lee, Texas. The proposal consists of the installation of approximately 12 miles of water transmission line; booster pump station and related appurtenances between the Cities of Robert Lee and Bronte, Texas.

As required by the National Environmental Policy Act and agency regulations, the Rural Utilities Service has prepared an Environmental Assessment of the proposal that assessed the potential environmental effects of the proposal and the effect the proposal may have on historic properties. The Environmental Assessment was published on September 30, 2011 for a 30-day public comment period, followed by a public hearing on November 1, 2011. There were no comments received during the comment period or during the public hearing. Upon consideration of the of the applicant's proposal, federal and state environmental regulatory and natural resource agencies, and public input the agency has determined that the proposal will not have a significant impact on the human environment and for which an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared. The basis of this determination is the conclusions of a detailed review of project elements, an archeological survey and the implementation of required mitigation measures.

In order to minimize any adverse environmental impacts, the Rural Utility Service will require the applicant to incorporate the following mitigation measures into the proposal's design: 1) follow a route cleared by the archeological survey, 2) utilize Texas Horned Lizard protection measures, and 3) minimize or avoid construction during bird nesting season to mitigate impacts to Black Capped Vireo and migratory birds.


Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at the USDA Service Center, 201 East 11th St, Ozona, Texas (325-392-2301) and the City of Robert Lee, 6 East 7th St, Robert Lee, Texas (325-453-2831). For further information contact Randy Verner, USDA Area Specialist at 325-392-2301.

A General Location Map of the proposal is shown below:



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