



**BE HEARD**  
**Preserve the Heard Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Fact Sheet**

As of April 27, 2010

- 1) Sewer line facts: 30" diameter; 3,500 foot long; construction would disrupt 110-foot wide area through the sanctuary
- 2) Negotiations about the sewage line have been going on since early 2009. NTMWD hasn't accepted any routes we suggested
- 3) NTMWD filed a lawsuit on Oct. 2, 2009. We were served on Oct. 27, 2009
- 4) First hearing was scheduled on Nov 9, 2009. NTMWD requested the postponement to December 15, 2009 (don't know why)
- 5) The NTMWD has rejected two alternate routes proposed by the Heard and filed for eminent domain
- 6) Commissioner's hearing was held Dec 15, 2009 at County Court #4 in McKinney. Our lawyer didn't go to the meeting because the hearing was not addressing the impact the sewer line would have on the sanctuary. The commission mandate was to place a value on the easement. We didn't have our environmental impact report. We had asked NTMWD for a 30-day extension so we could have our environmental impact report, but it was rejected. The commissioners granted the NTMWD eminent domain at the hearing.
- 7) The Heard Board of Directors passed a resolution in December 2009 requesting NTMWD to place the sewer easement outside of the Heard sanctuary.
- 8) Aaron Brewer from W&M Environmental Group, Inc. did an environmental impact study, wetland study, and a prairie restoration study
- 9) All 3 studies were submitted to the NTMWD board
- 10) The Heard filed a lawsuit
- 11) People have been asking about the easement from the residential development next door: it is an 8-inch sewer line and it didn't go through the sanctuary, it is under the service roads
- 12) We are waiting on our first trial date and time