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Heard Preservation Campaign **The NTMWD on the sanctuary right now!**

WHAT

The NTMWD has staked and silt fenced the pipeline route through the sanctuary. They intend to put a 42" diameter pipeline 3,500 foot long through the prairie and under the wetlands. *At this time*, there are several examples of how this is already affecting the wildlife on the sanctuary:

- 1) Two of the bird numerous boxes are currently occupied by nesting birds. The one that is in the picture below has a nesting Carolina Chickadee and these birds are protected by the migratory bird species act. There is also a Carolina Wren that is nesting and protected by the act as well. The Heard has the oldest bird banding program in the state of Texas which started in 1978. More than 25,000 birds have been documented at the Heard. There are a variety of birds that have yet to migrate to the Heard in the next few weeks.
- 2) There cattle egrets that roost on the sanctuary every year. Yesterday a cattle egret was seen on the road near the Heard's Science Resource Center. They have never been seen there before. This morning there were three more seen in the same area. They are being stressed and disturbed from the construction crew and trucks that have been on the sanctuary and don't know where to go. Some of the places where they are putting up fencing is closed to the public so these are areas

where the wildlife feels safe and they are now being disturbed and confused about where to go.

- 3) There is a plant rescue group right now trying to move native plant species out of the area. These species don't grow in many other places and the Heard doesn't want to lose them. They include the New Jersey Tea, Yucca, Ground Plum and False Indigo.

WHO North Texas Municipal Water District is on the Heard sanctuary

WHERE Heard Natural Science Museum & Wildlife Sanctuary
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Orange stake by the Carolina Chickadee nest box. They are currently nesting right now and are protected by the Migratory Bird Species Act. There has now been construction pieces put right up against the box.



NTMWD silk screen and orange fencing in parts of the prairie land.



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