



TEXAS GENERAL LAND OFFICE
COMMISSIONER DAWN BUCKINGHAM, M.D.

June 10, 2026

The Honorable Brooke Rollins
Secretary of Agriculture
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20250

Dear Secretary Rollins:

As you know, the reemergence of the New World Screwworm (NWS) poses an active threat to Texas livestock and agriculture; however, thanks to the remarkable and fast-paced response from President Trump, your office and Governor Abbott, our state is poised to prevent the spread and eradicate this parasite. In support of Governor Abbott's whole-of-government approach, and in coordination with our local, state and federal partners, I am hereby offering access to appropriate Texas General Land Office (GLO)-managed lands to assist response operations, including but not limited to:

- Placement of trapping infrastructure
- Deployment zones for sterile insects
- Field staging areas for United States Department of Agriculture - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA-APHIS) and Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) Response Teams
- Livestock monitoring and specimen collection sites
- Temporary quarantine zones where applicable

The GLO is uniquely positioned to support in the prevention, reporting and eradication efforts. As the steward of more than 660,000 acres of grazing and hunting land across the Lone Star State, we stand ready to support this statewide effort in any way possible. The GLO staff is prepared to coordinate with USDA-APHIS, the Office of the Governor, TAHC, Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), to identify and prioritize parcels of GLO-managed land best suited for rapid, operational deployment.

Additionally, the GLO will be engaging with its current hunting and grazing lessees across 25 counties to ensure they are informed on prevention measures, such as proper identification and reporting procedures, related to the potential spread of NWS. We will assure our partners that there is no cause for panic as NWS is highly treatable and our food supply is safe.

I want to commend you and the other agencies and organizations who have responded quickly and decisively to meet this challenge. The rapid detection, containment and response efforts already underway demonstrate Texas' commitment to protecting our livestock industry and agricultural economy.

Texas successfully confronted this threat in 1966, and I am confident we will do so again. By working together and utilizing every available resource, we can protect Texas livestock, support our ranchers and safeguard one of the most important sectors of our state's economy. The GLO stands ready to be a helpful partner.

For Texas,

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Governor of Texas
Office of the Governor
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