

Big Bend-Río Bravo Collaboration

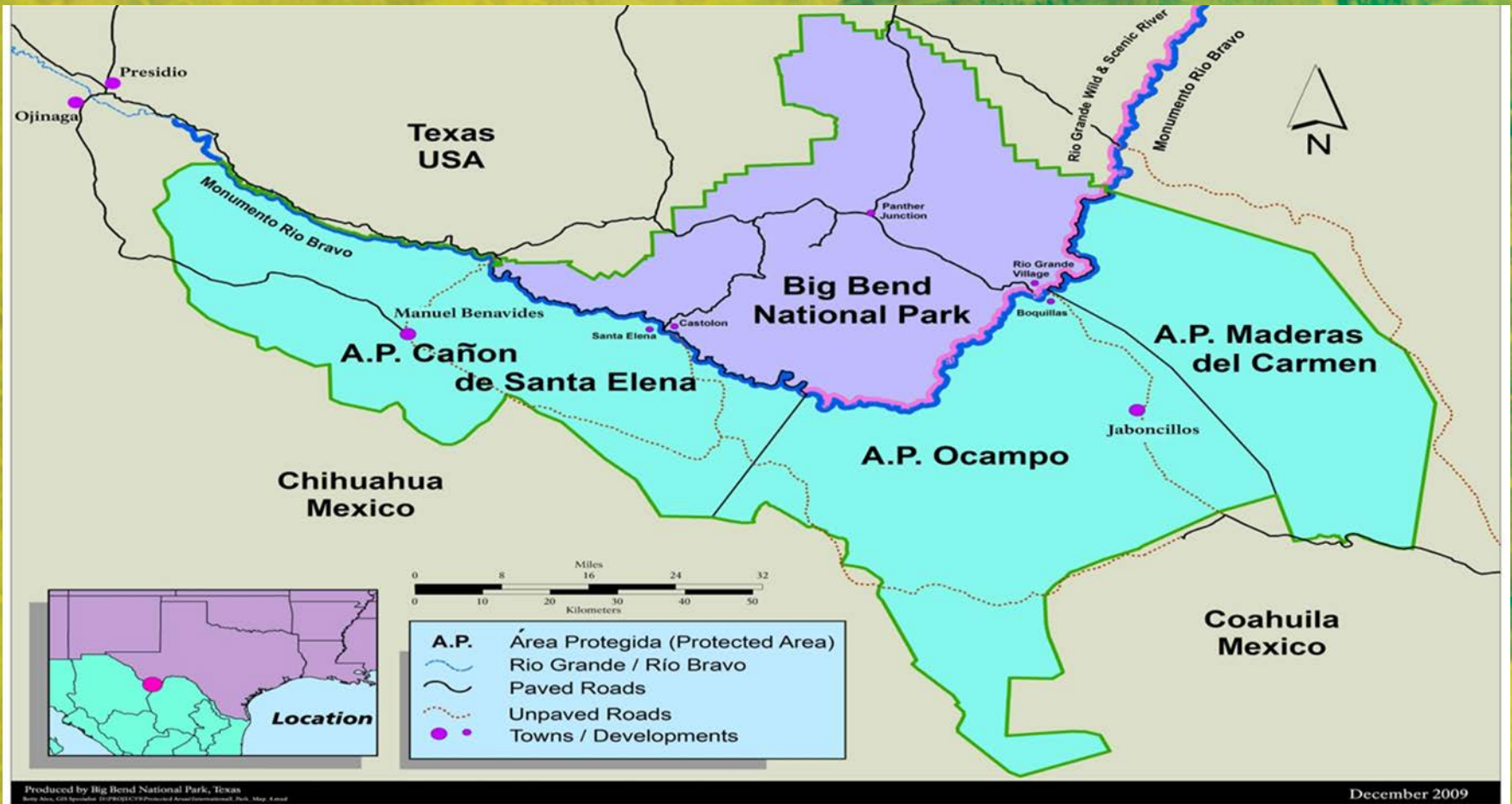
**For Transboundary Landscape Conservation/North
American Invasive Species Network**

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Big Bend-Río Bravo Area of Binational Interest for Conservation



Background

- ✓ Meeting of Presidents Felipe Calderon and Barack Obama (May 2010, Mexico)
- ✓ Meeting between Secretary Juan Elvira Quesada and Secretary Ken Salazar, (December 2010, Mexico)
- ✓ Workshop with stakeholders in Mexico (January 25-26, Chihuahua and Coahuila)
- ✓ Binational Workshop for the preparation of Action Plan (February 8-10, Alpine, TX)
- ✓ Meeting with Secretary Elvira and Secretary Salazar (April 2011, Mexico)

CEC Project: two main components

- ✓ **Conservation of biological diversity in the Big Bend-Río Bravo region**
 - **Challenges to ecosystem resilience**
 - **Model of collaboration for transboundary conservation**
- ✓ **Allow extension of data-sharing protocols and best management practices to deal with invasive species**

Project activities

- Expand existing conservation partnership to include more partners in Mexico and to increase the ability to coordinate and implement conservation efforts in the US and Mexico.
- Develop a science-based binational conservation strategy for rehabilitation of the Rio Grande/Río Bravo.
- Replicate experience on transboundary conservation in future projects and initiatives in the North American Region.
- Facilitate the development of sustainable economic and social tools for integrating the local communities of Boquillas, Coahuila, Mexico, and others along the border.
- Expand strategic planning, implementation of exotic and invasive species' management and a web-based information sharing.
- Implement community-based prevention, early detection-rapid response, and management to deal with invasive species.

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