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**GROUNDBREAKING FOR PHASE II: A
CONSTRUCTION PHASE**
I-20 Wildlife Preserve Accessible to the Public in 2012

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, Inc. is hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of construction, making the preserve more accessible to the public. The groundbreaking will take place at the preserve on September 23 at 3 p.m. Directions can be found at www.i20wildlifepreserve.org.

Bidding for the project closed on the afternoon of August 10th and a construction firm will be announced. Construction will commence in September of this year and the trail system will be complete in 2012. Phase II includes the construction of over 3.4 miles of hiking trails and boardwalks, a canopy walk, a hawk tower, butterfly gardens, bird feeding stations, bird blinds and teaching platforms.

The trail system project of Phase II would not be possible without the \$1 million Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grant and the generosity of this community and beyond.

The I-20 Wildlife Preserve and Jenna Welch Nature Study Center, Inc. is a local nonprofit organization that strives to ensure conservation of and provide access to Midland's wildlife preserve for the use and enjoyment by present and future generations.

For more information, or to schedule an interview, contact Chelsea Dey at 432-967-1621 or e-mail Chelsea at cdey@i20wildlifepreserve.org.

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