

PROTECTING THREATENED ANIMAL SPECIES

Healthy and diverse **ecosystems** offer many important benefits to our environment, our company, our employees and the communities where we operate. As part of our planning, development, construction and decision-making process, we work hard to reduce impacts to the **environment**.

Kinder Morgan focuses on minimizing impacts to the **environment** where we work and operate. As we develop any project, we conduct a thorough analysis and determine ways to protect **environmentally sensitive areas**, including water bodies, wetlands and endangered species habitats. We also work closely with appropriate regulatory agencies, like the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, to determine appropriate mitigation efforts. We took this same approach during the Permian Highway Pipeline Project and carefully planned to minimize impacts to the environment and to the **Golden-Cheeked Warbler**.

THE SOLUTION

To offset unavoidable impacts to **Golden-Cheeked Warbler** habitat, the Permian Highway Pipeline Project worked with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify a privately-held property containing **1,363 acres** of very high quality habitat. This land was a key missing piece of the Balcones Canyonlands Wildlife Refuge, which is a **vital habitat** for the **Golden-Cheeked Warbler**. In accordance with its permit, the Permian Highway Pipeline Project made an \$8.8 million contribution to purchase this crucial piece of land, thus securing it as habitat in perpetuity. This addition to the Refuge offsets the project's impacts to the species by creating **17,000 acres of contiguous, unfragmented habitat**. It is a strong example of how economic development and job creation can also bring additional public benefits and substantial **environmental improvements**.

GOLDEN-CHEEKED WARBLER



- Listed as an **endangered species** federally and by the State of Texas
- Found in the **Edwards Plateau** and locally north to Palo Pinto County in Texas
- Known to only nest in the mixed Ashe-juniper and Oak woodlands in **Central Texas**

THE PROJECT CONNECTION

The **Golden-Cheeked Warbler** habitat was identified along portions of the Permian Highway Pipeline Project right-of-way in parts of Central Texas during environmental surveys conducted by the project prior to construction. We consulted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to identify significant ways to mitigate the project's unavoidable impacts to the endangered species.

