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Dear Jason,

I, Judge Steve Smith, County Judge of Sutton County, Texas, declare Sutton County including Sonora, Texas a colonia, based upon the following criteria:

- Sutton County including Sonora, Texas is within 150 miles of the border of Mexico;
- There are a substantial number of very low income families residing in substandard housing;
- There is a lack of decent, safe sanitary water and sewage disposal in said housing;
- There are inadequate roads and inadequate drainage in said housing area; and,
- Substandard conditions such as these are inadequate for successful economic development.

It is important to note that Sutton County including Sonora has been in existence for over one hundred years and the above mentioned conditions existed before 1980.

I appreciate any support and funding that USDA may offer in the above mentioned areas.

Sincerely,

Steve Smith
Sutton County Judge