

A massive AI data center for Brewster County: Record-Scale Power Plant. Record-Scale Pollution.



Pacifico Energy is considering a massive gas power plant to run a huge AI data center on the **Ahern Ranch** near the **Glass Mountains in Brewster County** — a new project it likens to its Pecos County project, which it calls “**the largest power project in the United States**” and which **could become the nation’s largest polluter**. **Brewster County has not agreed to anything — let your voice be heard now.**

7.65 GW

at the Pecos County sister project — **bigger than any U.S. power plant**, even Grand Coulee (7.1 GW)

2× Larger

than the largest U.S. **gas** plant (3.8 GW) — and more than **Los Angeles** uses on its hottest day (6.5 GW)

33M Tons

of **greenhouse gases** a year allowed there — nearly as much as the entire city of **Houston** (34M)

12,000+ Tons

a year of **air pollutants** allowed there (soot, ammonia, CO, VOCs) — particles that can **drift hundreds of miles**

01 COULD BREWSTER COUNTY SET RECORDS?

“We look for large developments,” Pacifico told the county. Its Pecos County model uses **3,000–4,000 acres** for **35 gas turbines** — up to half of the **~7,800-acre Ahern Ranch**; turbines here could be **up to 385 MW each**, burning gas 24/7. Investment floated: \$5–60 billion. And “off-grid” isn’t a promise: hooking up later could bring **giant 765-kV power lines**.

03 TESTING THE LIMITS OF OUR WATER

No water source, no usage figure — **just a plan to test**. Pacifico’s team called the Hovey Trough “*not a studied aquifer*” and said this project could end up “*testing it out*.” Our aquifers are already targeted: the **Colorado River Municipal Water District** (Midland–Odessa) seeks Glass Mountains wells to pump **25,000 acre-feet a year** from the slow-recharging Capitan Reef Complex Aquifer.

02 SCARRED AT BOTH ENDS?

In south Brewster County, Judge Henington and **140+ local businesses** have fought a border wall through Big Bend National Park. Now a record-scale gas plant could rise in the north end, on **Highway 67** — the scenic road into Alpine, a gateway for the park’s **500,000+ yearly visitors**. A **lasting haze over the Glass Mountains and Marathon**, 24/7 lights, man camps: the same scars, at our northern gateway.

04 TRADING OUR JOBS FOR THEIRS

Tourism is critical to Brewster County’s economy: Big Bend National Park alone brings **\$56.8 million a year** to local businesses. In exchange, Pacifico offers just **100–200 permanent jobs**, and its own representative said workers from Reeves County and Odessa may not “*go live in Alpine*.” Protect our jobs, our way of life and our scenic beauty. **No wall. No data centers. Keep Big Bend wild.**

Let your voice be heard — here’s how.

Contact the Commissioners Court and County Judge Greg Henington. Ask them to **reject this project** and adopt **policies that keep projects like it out** of Brewster County.

Insist on transparency: the exact site location, and no secrecy agreements (NDAs) for county officials, as reportedly signed elsewhere.

Speaking up can work. Opposition to the border wall is having an impact. Pacifico’s CEO reportedly credited “lack of local opposition” for the success of the Pecos County data center project. Let’s not give them that here.

Show up when it returns to the Commissioners Court agenda, and bring your neighbors. A full room tells the court where Brewster County stands.



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Sources: Brewster County Commissioners Court meeting, Sept. 15, 2026 · Brewster CAD · The Texas Tribune, Feb. 2 & Feb. 23, 2026 · Inside Climate News, Feb. 2, 2026 · OilPrice.com, Feb. 1, 2026 · San Antonio Current · Texas Public Radio, Aug. 28, 2026 · CBS7, Sept. 23, 2026 · U.S. EIA (2022) · LADWP, Aug. 2017 · City of Houston Climate Action Plan · TIME, Aug. 19, 2026 · NPS. 7.65 GW, 33M and 12,000+ are permits for Pacifico’s GW Ranch, Pecos County.