

West Texas Talk:

Marilu Hastings and Dr. Michael Young on Respect Big Bend; Space Reporter Brendan Byrne on Blue Origin in West TX

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Marilu Hastings and Dr. Michael Young

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Diana Nguyen talks to Marilu Hastings and Dr. Michael Young about Respect Big Bend. Their coalition’s mission is to empower stakeholders to conserve the unique resources of the Big Bend while developing energy responsibly.

Marilu Hastings is the vice president of sustainability programs for the Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation — the primary funder of the Respect Big Bend initiative.

Dr. Michael Young is a scientist with the Bureau of Economic Geology at UT Austin. He’s been working with a team to study energy projections in Far West Texas.

They discuss Hastings’ impetus for helping start the initiative and the findings from Dr. Young’s research.

Brendan Byrne

Nguyen talks to Brendan Byrne — a reporter for NPR member station WMFE in Orlando. He covers all things space and is the host of [“Are We There Yet?”](#), a podcast about space exploration.

They discuss Blue Origin’s mysterious operations in West Texas.



New Shepard lifts off on its 12th mission on December 11, 2019. (Courtesy of Blue Origin)



About Diana Nguyen

Diana Nguyen hosts and produces the interview program West Texas Talk. Her work explores the stories and forces that shape the people and places of Far West Texas.

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