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FBR Commends NIH Leadership for Deciding Not to Relocate Alamogordo Chimpanzees

Washington, DC – Foundation for Biomedical Research President Matthew R. Bailey issued the following statement regarding National Institutes of Health Director Francis Collins, MD, PhD's [decision](#) not to relocate the 44 chimpanzees currently living at the Alamogordo Primate Facility (APF) in New Mexico:

“The Foundation for Biomedical Research (FBR) is pleased that NIH leadership has decided not to move the 44 chimpanzees housed at the Alamogordo Primate Facility to a different location. The NIH’s decision is in the best interest of these elderly and frail animals. The chimpanzees will live out their days in Alamogordo, where they have comfortable indoor/outdoor living conditions in primadomes that allow them to climb and swing, and where they have forged close bonds with their social groups and their caretakers. FBR applauds the NIH for taking a leadership role in the well-being of the Alamogordo chimpanzees which have contributed much to the medical community’s understanding of disease.”

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