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Dear State Park Neighbor:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is planning to conduct prescribed burns in Mission Tejas State Park at 19343 State Highway 21 East, Grapeland, TX 75844 sometime between January 2026 and May 2026.

Our primary target timeframe for these burns is sometime between January 2026 and March 2026. Burn opportunities are dependent on weather, vegetation conditions, current and expected fire danger, and many other considerations. **If we are unable to conduct these burns within this target timeframe we will contact you again with the next potential timeframe.**

During the burn, you may see smoke in your neighborhood or on nearby roads. We caution you to reduce your speed and use your low-beam headlights when smoke is present. Other recommended precautions prior to the burn include relocating hay, pets, livestock, and equipment away from park boundary fences and providing defensible space around structures adjacent to park property.

Prescribed burns are a management tool used to restore forest and prairie habitats that were periodically burned by natural fires. Prescribed burns also reduce the potential damage a wildfire could cause by reducing available fuels such as dead trees, leaf litter, and other flammable vegetation on the landscape. Prescribed fires on state parks are conducted by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department personnel who have undergone extensive fire training and meet national wildland firefighting and incident management standards. Additionally, the State Park staff will work with local fire and emergency management officials to plan and conduct the prescribed fire.

Each prescribed fire plan defines the local weather and other conditions under which a prescribed burn may be conducted, the personnel and equipment required, and fire-break locations. Most importantly, the fire plan prioritizes public and firefighter safety. The plan reduces the risk of fire escaping onto adjacent properties and minimizes the effect of smoke in nearby residential and smoke sensitive areas. The plan also establishes contingency measures to protect adjacent properties if the fire were to escape established boundaries. The prescribed burns are ignited by hand in predetermined patterns that insure the best measures for containment.

Texas has a history of naturally occurring wildfires, making prescribed burns very important to maintaining habitats on State Parks. Private landowners should consider implementing wildfire mitigation efforts on their lands as well in order to preserve their property and way of life before a wildfire event starts. Information on how to be prepared can be found at: www.FIREWISE.org.

Please contact **Superintendent Joshua Diamond** at (936) 687-2394 or email at **Joshua.Diamond@tpwd.texas.gov** if you have any questions regarding the planned burn or notifications. Thank you for your support and understanding of this valuable and necessary habitat management and fuel reduction tool.

Sincerely,

Joshua Diamond
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Mission Tejas State Park
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****Include a map of the prescribed burn area, including any utility infrastructure within the designated burn area.****

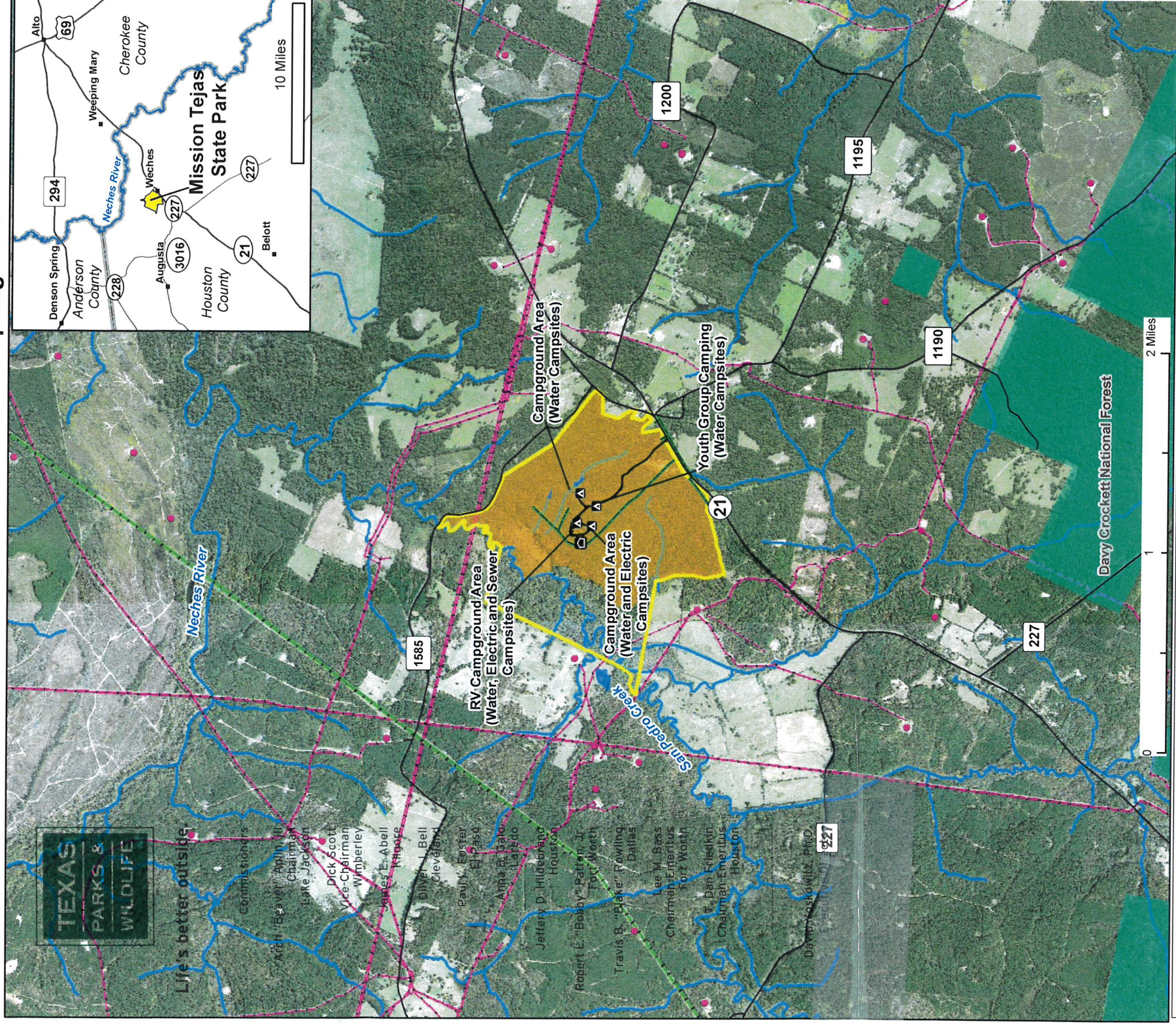
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- Pipeline-underground**
- Prescribed Fire Area**

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