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AGENDA PLACEMENT FORM

Send to: ccagenda@johnsoncountytx.org

Date: 8/26/2026

Meeting Date: 9/14/2026

Submitted By:

Department: County Judge's Office

Signature of Elected Official/Department Head:

Court Decision:
This section to be completed by County Judge's Office

Johnson County ★ ACKNOWLEDGED ★ Commissioners Court

9.14.2026

Description:

Acknowledge Receipt of Notification from Cleburne State Park of Prescribed Burns at the Cleburne State Park located at 5800 Park Road 21, Cleburne Texas 76033 Sometime between October 2026 and April 2027-County Judges Office

(May attach additional sheets if necessary)

Person to Present:

(Presenter must be present for the item unless the item is on the Consent Agenda)

Supporting Documentation: (check one) ☑ PUBLIC ☐ CONFIDENTIAL

(PUBLIC documentation may be made available to the public prior to the Meeting)

Estimated Length of Presentation: _____ minutes

Session Requested: (check one)

☐ Action Item ☑ Consent ☐ Workshop ☐ Executive ☐ Public Announcement

Check All Departments That Have Been Notified:

☐ County Attorney ☐ IT ☐ Purchasing ☐ Auditor

☐ Personnel ☐ Development Services ☐ Facilities Management

Other Department/Official (list)

Please List All External Persons Who Need a Copy of Signed Documents In Your Submission Email

Approved in CC on 9/11/2023

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August 11, 2026

The Honorable Christopher Boedeker
County Judge
Johnson County
2 N. Main Street
Cleburne, TX 76033

Dear Judge Boedeker:

As part of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's efforts to ensure good communications with our constituents and neighbors, and in compliance with §11.353 Parks and Wildlife Code, I want to inform you of the Department's intent to conduct one or more prescribed burns at Cleburne State Park sometime between October 2026 and April 2027.

Our initial target timeframe for these burns is sometime between October 2026 and December 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.

A site-specific fire management plan for prescribed burning operations at Cleburne State Park is in place and we will be happy to share a copy with your office if you desire. In addition, neighboring landowners have been notified of the Department's intentions with the attached letter and map. In order to reach the community at large, a public notice will be published in the Cleburne Times-Review prior to this burn period.

Additional community outreach on the upcoming burn may include information posted on the Department's website and social media outlets.

Advance notifications have also been made to other state and local officials, nearby water utility officials, and owners of any utility infrastructure within the prescribed burn area. Prior to ignition of any fires, city or county emergency services dispatch center, local area fire departments, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality will be notified to ensure they are aware of these actions.

Please contact Angela Bright at (817) 774-1173 or angela.bright@tpwd.texas.gov if you have any questions regarding the planned burn or notifications.

Sincerely,

Angela Bright
Assistant Park Superintendent
Cleburne State Park
5800 Park Road 21
Cleburne, TX 76033
(817) 645-4215

Attachment: Landowner Notification Letter
Landowner Notification Map

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Dear Cleburne State Park Neighbor:

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is planning to conduct prescribed burns in Cleburne State Park at 5800 Park Road 21 Cleburne, Texas 76033 sometime between October 2026 and April 2027.

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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, woodpiles, 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 ensure 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 to preserve their property and way of life before a wildfire event starts. Information on how to be prepared can be found at: www.nfpa.org/education-and-research/wildfire/firewise-usa.

Please contact Angela Bright at 817-774-1173 or email at angela.bright@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,

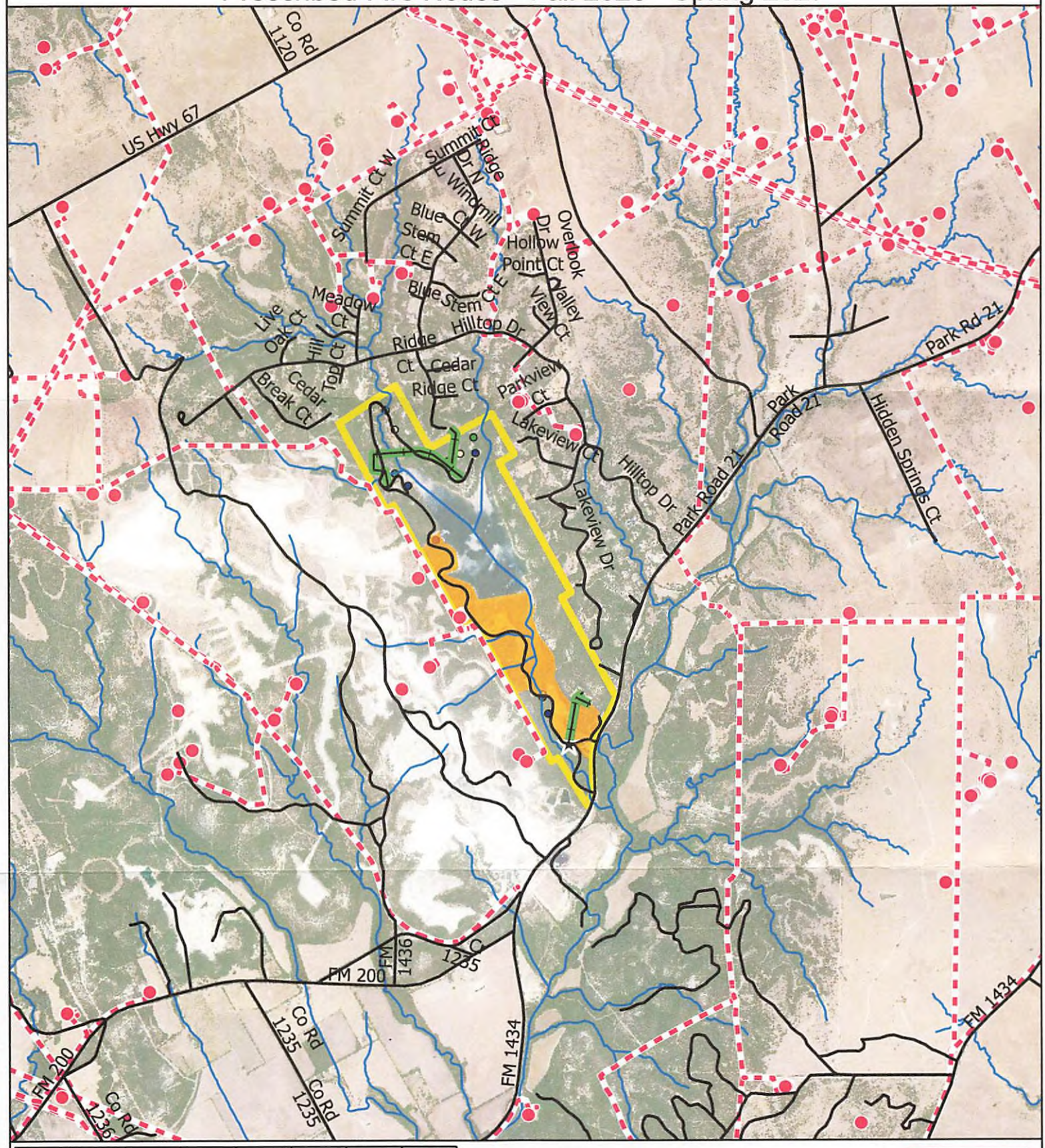
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Attachment: Prescribed Fire Treatment Area Map

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To manage and conserve the natural and cultural resources of Texas and to provide hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Cleburne State Park, Johnson County:
Prescribed Fire Notice - Fall 2026 - Spring 2027



0 0.5 1 2 Miles

- Overhead Power Lines
- Roads
- Oil/Gas Pipelines
- Oil/Gas Wells
- ★ Park Headquarters
- Planned Prescribed Fire Area - 123 acres
- Cleburne State Park

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Map ID: Cleburne State Park_
RX-Public Notice - FY2025
Imagery NAIP 2022 - UTM z15 NAD83
Maps are for planning purposes only.
No claims to accuracy are made or implied.
Road data from US Census TIGER.
Pipeline and well data from
the Texas Railroad Commission.

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