

Incident Action Plan
for

Hydra Fire

Operational Period

Date From:	9/18/26	Date To:	9/18/26
Time From:	7:00	Time To:	19:00



INCIDENT OBJECTIVES (ICS 202)

1. Incident Name: Hydra Fire	2. Operational Period: Date From: 9/18/26 Date To: 9/18/26 Time From: 7:00 Time To: 19:00			
3. Objective(s): • <i>Provide for the safety of firefighters, responders, and the general public by identifying and mitigating hazards through accepted practices and operating guidelines.</i> • <i>Protect life and property by prepositioning resources and utilizing local resources in direct attack through safe firefighting tactics, keeping losses of property as minimal as possible.</i> • <i>Ensure that the strategy, tactics, current and predicted weather, fire behavior, and hazards are clearly communicated throughout the incident.</i> • <i>Establishing unified command with state, federal, and private cooperators whenever possible.</i> • <i>Ensure sound financial stewardship through managing costs effectively while considering effectiveness and efficacy of suppression operations.</i> • <i>Management human resources assigned to the incident in a manner that promotes mutual respect and sustained cooperation.</i> • <i>Maintain and strengthen cooperator, partner, and stakeholder relationships through clear communications and cooperation throughout the duration of the incident.</i>				
4. Operational Period Command Emphasis: • <i>Prevent fire growth or movement to the North.</i> • <i>Facilitate the implementation of unified command and interagency cooperation with state and federal partners.</i>				
General Situational Awareness: • <i>Hydration and safety MUST remain a priority.</i> • <i>Fire weather and fuel conditions should dictate your actions.</i> • <i>Maintain situational awareness and ensure good communication practices.</i>				
5. Site Safety Plan Required? Yes ☐ No ☒ Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located at:				
6. Incident Action Plan (the items checked below are included in this Incident Action Plan): <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☒ ICS 202 ☒ ICS 203 ☒ ICS 204 ☒ ICS 205 ☐ ICS 205A </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☒ ICS 206 ☐ ICS 207 ☒ ICS 208 ☒ Map/Chart ☒ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> Other Attachments: ☒ <u>Fire Behavior</u> ☒ <u>ICS 214</u> ☐ _____ ☐ _____ </td> </tr> </table>		☒ ICS 202 ☒ ICS 203 ☒ ICS 204 ☒ ICS 205 ☐ ICS 205A	☒ ICS 206 ☐ ICS 207 ☒ ICS 208 ☒ Map/Chart ☒ Weather Forecast/Tides/Currents	Other Attachments: ☒ <u>Fire Behavior</u> ☒ <u>ICS 214</u> ☐ _____ ☐ _____
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7. Prepared by: Name: <u>B. Wilson</u> Position Title: <u>PSC</u> Signature: _____				
8. Approved by Incident Commander: Name: <u>B. Fletcher</u> Signature: _____				
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ORGANIZATION ASSIGNMENT LIST(ICS 203)

1. Incident Name: Hydra Fire		2. Operational Period: Date From: 9/18/26 Date To: 9/18/26 Time From: 7:00 Time To: 19:00	
3. Incident Commander(s) and Command Staff:		7. Operations Section:	
IC/UC's	Justin Witte (Local)	Chief	208-484-9142
	Chad Niblett (TFS) 208-401-4295	Deputy	
	Nathan Brasford (t) 406-291-2450		
Deputy	Kevin Cole (TFS) 254-242-6576	Staging Area	
Safety Officer	Harold Kibbe (TFS) 231-920-5085	Branch	
Public Info. Officer	Kiley Moran (TFS) 254-457-8057	Branch Director	
Liaison Officer		Deputy	
4. Agency/Organization Representatives:		Division/Group	Div A
Agency/Organization	Name	Division/Group	Div K
Bosque County OEM	Alicia Wilson 254-749-4616	Division/Group	Div Z
TDEM R8 Section Chief	Kevin Duramus 979-321-0583	Division/Group	
TDEM DC DD-11	Robert Pope 254-379-0087	Division/Group	
TDEM CLO Bosque	Jennifer Goff 254-205-6596	Division/Group	
		Branch	
		Branch Director	
		Deputy	
5. Planning Section:		Division/Group	
Chief		Division/Group	
Deputy		Division/Group	
Resources Unit	Ryley Beckham (t) 903-692-1535	Division/Group	
Situation Unit		Division/Group	
Documentation Unit		Division/Group	
Demobilization Unit		Branch	
Technical Specialists:		Branch Director	
		Deputy	
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6. Logistics Section:		Division/Group	
Chief		Air Operations Branch	
Deputy		Air Ops Branch Dir.	
Support Branch			
Director			
Supply Unit			
Facilities Unit		8. Finance Administration Section:	
Ground Support Unit		Chief	
Service Branch		Deputy	
Director		Time Unit	
Communications Unit	Kirk Risinger (TFS) 936-674-9954	Procurement Unit	
Medical Unit	Walter Ball (EMTF) 210-274-8400	Comp/Claims Unit	
Food Unit		Cost Unit	
9. Prepared By: Name: B. Wilson		Position/Title PSC Signature: _____	
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4. Operations Personnel:				Division: <i>Div K</i> Group: Staging Area:	
		<u>Name</u> <u>Contact Number(s)</u>			
Operations Section Chief:		TJ Nuesse (TFS) 208-484-9142			
Branch Director:					
Division/Group Supervisor:		Cody Stillwell (TFS)			
5. Resources Assigned:					
Resource Identifier	Leader	# of Persons	Contact e.g., (phone, pager, radio, frequency, etc.)	Reporting Location, Special Equipment and Supplies, Remarks, Notes, Information	
<i>Gatesville TF</i>	<i>TBD</i>				
••Resources TBD					
<i>Somervell TF</i>	<i>TBD</i>				
••Resources TBD					
6. Work Assignments: <i>Report to ICP to receive briefing. Support suppression efforts at Division Kilo alongside TFS partners.</i>					
7. Special Instructions: <i>Base tactics on forecasted and observed weather. Brief all personnel on tactics. Remain vigilant/Don't get complacent. Coordinate with TFS partners.</i> Severe Weather is of concern. Fire conditions may dictate your actions. Priorities should be safety of firefighting resources and the public, evacuation, direct attack (if possible), then fire control.					
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5. Resources Assigned:		# of Persons	Contact e.g., (phone, pager, radio, frequency, etc.)	Reporting Location, Special Equipment and Supplies, Remarks, Notes, Information
Resource Identifier	Leader			
Hill County TF		1		
••Whitney Tanker		1		
••Cedar Creek Brush		2		
••Mt Calm Brush		2		
••Hillsboro Brush		2		
6. Work Assignments: Report to ICP at 0900 to receive briefing. Support suppression efforts at Division Kilo alongside TFS partners.				
7. Special Instructions: Base tactics on forecasted and observed weather. Brief all personnel on tactics. Remain vigilant/Don't get complacent. Coordinate with TFS partners. Severe Weather is of concern. Fire conditions may dictate your actions. Priorities should be safety of firefighting resources and the public, evacuation, direct attack (if possible), then fire control.				
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9. Prepared by: Name: B. Wilson Position/Title: PSC Signature:				
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INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

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MEDICAL PLAN (ICS 206)

1. Incident Name: Hydra Fire		2. Operational Period: Date From: 9/18/26 Date To: 9/18/26 Time From: 7:00 Time To: 19:00					
3. Medical Aid Stations:							
Name	Location	Contact Number(s)	Paramedics on Site?				
Medical Group	UTV	Call on Radio	☒ Yes	☐ No			
Medical Group	AST	Call on Radio	☒ Yes	☐ No			
Medical Group	ICP	Call on Radio	☒ Yes	☐ No			
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4. Transportation (indicate air or ground):							
Ambulance Service	Location	Contact Number(s)	Level of Service				
North Bosque EMS (Ground)	200 E Morgan, Meridian	254-435-2070 VMED28	☒ ALS	☐ BLS			
Hamilton EMS (Ground)	501-515 W 1st St., Hico	254-784-9896 VMED28	☒ ALS	☐ BLS			
Careflite Whitney (Air)	Whitney	800-442-6260 VMED28	☒ ALS	☐ BLS			
Starflight		800-531-STAR VMED28	☒ ALS	☐ BLS			
5. Hospitals:							
Hospital Name	Address, Latitude & Longitude if Helipad	Contact Number(s)/ Frequency	Travel Time		Trauma Center	Burn Center	Helipad
			Air	Ground			
Goodall Witcher	101 Posey, Clifton 31-46.574N, 97-35.392W	254-675-8322 VMED28	5 min	15-20 min	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
BSW Hillcrest	100 Hillcrest Medical, Waco 31-29.383N, 97-09.500W	254-202-2000 VMED28	12-15 min	45-55 min	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
Dell Seton	1500 Red River, Austin 30-16.614N, 97-44.058W	512-324-7000 VMED28	35-45 min	2 hr	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Yes ☐ No
6. Special Medical Emergency Procedures:							
In the event of a medical emergency, notify 911 immediately, followed by the a general "MAYDAY" call to IC.							
IC/UC, MEDL, and SOFR shall document, in detail, the nature of the emergency, its potential causation, the circumstances and events surrounding the emergency, and the resulting actions of the IMT/responders.							
☐ Check box if aviation assets are utilized for rescue. If assets are used, coordinate with Air Operations.							
7. Prepared by (Medical Unit Leader):		Name: B. Wilson (PSC)		Signature: _____			
8. Approved by (Safety Officer):		Name: B. Fletcher (IC)		Signature: _____			
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3. Safety Message/Expanded Safety Message, Safety Plan, Site Safety Plan:						
Major Hazards and Risks: fire behavior, stress/fatigue, equipment operations, travel, insects, wildlife, communication, heat, hydration, and air operations. Migation Measures: Utilize the Risk Management Process • Identify hazards (situational awareness) • Assess hazards • Develop controls and make risk decisions • Implement controls • Supervise and evaluate <i>Remember, if the situation changes significantly, restart the process at the appropriate step.</i> Hydrate, Hydrate, HYDRATE! Wear appropriate PPE, behave responsibly, and manage risk accordingly. Maintain emotional control. Remember, we are ALL in this together! 						
4. Site Safety Plan Required? ☐ Yes ☒ No						
Approved Site Safety Plan(s) Located At:						
5. Prepared By:		Name: B. Wilson	Position/Title: PSC		Signature: _____	
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HYDRA FIRE – WEATHER FORECAST

9/18/2026 0700-1900

General Forecast

The current NWS fire-weather forecast calls for mostly clear skies, a high near 98°F, minimum RH around 29%, and generally light southeast winds, becoming approximately SE 6 mph during the afternoon. No precipitation is expected.

Hourly Forecast

Time	Temperature	RH	Wind	Gusts	Heat Index
7 AM	75°F	84%	S 3 mph	<10 mph	75°F
8 AM	77°F	76%	S 3 mph	<10 mph	77°F
9 AM	81°F	66%	S 3–4 mph	<10 mph	83°F
10 AM	85°F	55%	S 4 mph	~10 mph	87°F
11 AM	89°F	46%	SSE 4–5 mph	~10 mph	91°F
12 PM	92°F	40%	SSE 5 mph	~10 mph	94°F
1 PM	94°F	37%	SE 5 mph	~11 mph	96°F
2 PM	96°F	33%	SE 5–6 mph	~12 mph	98°F
3 PM	97°F	31%	SE 6 mph	~12 mph	99°F
4 PM	98°F	29%	SE 6 mph	~13 mph	100°F
5 PM	98°F	29%	SE 6 mph	~13 mph	100°F
6 PM	96°F	32%	SE 6 mph	~12 mph	98°F
7 PM	93°F	38%	SE 6 mph	~11 mph	95°F

Source/precision note: The table is an operational hour-by-hour interpolation of the latest NWS Fort Worth/Dallas forecast for Bosque County and the NWS 3-hour forecast guidance for Clifton. The NWS forecast specifically gives Friday's 98°F maximum, 29% minimum RH, light/variable morning wind and SE 6-mph afternoon 20-ft wind. The hourly temperature/RH curve is based on the NWS Clifton guidance, which shows approximately 75°F/84% RH at 7 AM, 85°F/55% at 10 AM, 94°F/37% at 1 PM, 97°F/36% at 4 PM, and 93°F/38% at 7 PM in the earlier forecast cycle. Consequently, the intermediate hourly values and gusts should be treated as planning estimates rather than observed values.

Hydra Fire – Fire Behavior Forecast

Clifton/Meridian, Bosque County, Texas

Operational Period: Friday, September 18, 2026 | 0700–1900 CDT

Fuels Summary

The Hydra Fire is burning in **rugged canyon terrain between Clifton and Meridian**. Incident reporting has described the primary fuels as **dense cedar/juniper with grass and surface fuels**, with previous fire behavior including **running, spotting, and group torching**. A wildfire mapping source classifies the broader fuel environment as timber litter/understory.

Several days of **hot, dry weather with little or no precipitation** have increased fuel availability. The NWS Fort Worth forecast continues hot and dry conditions Friday, with afternoon temperatures near 100°F and RH around 30%. NWS notes that these low RH values may increase wildfire activity, although relatively modest winds of 5–10 mph should keep the regional fire-weather threat below formally elevated criteria.

Fine fuels should experience substantial overnight moisture recovery but will **dry rapidly after sunrise** as temperatures rise and RH falls. Grasses, leaf litter, and exposed cedar/juniper foliage should therefore become increasingly receptive to ignition and fire spread by late morning. Larger woody fuels and protected interior fuels may retain heat from previous burning and continue smoldering through the morning.

Fire Behavior Analysis

0700–1000 | LOWEST ACTIVITY OF THE OPERATIONAL PERIOD

Morning temperatures around 75–85°F and RH initially above approximately 55–80% should limit surface-fire intensity. Winds should remain light from the south to southeast.

Fine fuels will initially retain overnight moisture, resulting in **reduced flame lengths, slower rates of spread, and reduced spotting potential**. Smoldering and creeping fire should dominate much of the perimeter, although persistent heat can remain in cedar/juniper, logs, stumps, and other heavier fuels.

This should be the **most favorable portion of the operational period for improving containment lines and addressing heat near the perimeter**.

1000–1300 | TRANSITION TO INCREASING FIRE ACTIVITY

Conditions deteriorate rapidly as temperatures climb through the 80s into the lower/middle 90s and RH falls from approximately 55% toward 35–40%.

Fine fuels should progressively lose overnight moisture, making previously quiet portions of the perimeter more receptive to ignition. Expect a transition from **smoldering/creeping behavior toward active surface fire**, particularly where unburned grass and brush are exposed to direct sunlight.

Heat remaining in cedar/juniper may become increasingly significant as surrounding fine fuels dry. Interior islands and incompletely burned pockets may become more active.

1300–1800 | PEAK BURNING PERIOD

This is expected to be the period of **greatest fire activity**. Temperatures should reach approximately 94–98°F while RH falls into roughly the **29–37% range**. NWS expects Friday's low RH to increase wildfire activity, although winds should remain comparatively modest at roughly 5–10 mph.

Expect **active surface fire in receptive fine fuels**, increased flame lengths, greater probability of torching in cedar/juniper, and increased short-range spotting where active fire reaches heavier vegetation. Previous Hydra Fire activity demonstrates that the fuel complex is capable of running, spotting, and group torching when weather and terrain align.

The relatively light southeast wind is an important moderating factor. Sustained wind-driven runs should be less likely than during earlier periods of stronger winds. However, a southeast wind creates a general **northwestward spread component** wherever fire has access to receptive fuels.

The greatest concern will be locations where **wind, slope, and continuous fuels align**. Canyon and drainage topography may channel winds and produce localized fire behavior substantially greater than suggested by the general forecast wind speed.

Expect the possibility of **short uphill runs, rapid movement through grass, individual or group-tree torching, and short-range spotting across containment lines**. Any spot fire established in continuous dry grass or brush during peak heating could spread rapidly even with relatively light ambient winds.

1800–1900 | BEGINNING MODERATION

Temperatures should begin decreasing and RH recovering after approximately 1800. Fire behavior should gradually moderate, but significant improvement in fine-fuel moisture should lag behind the initial weather change.

Active surface fire and torching may therefore continue through 1900, particularly on exposed slopes and within heavier cedar/juniper concentrations.

Operational Fire Behavior Outlook

The primary concern Friday is **fuel dryness and extreme afternoon heating rather than strong synoptic winds**. NWS specifically notes that low RH may increase wildfire activity Friday but that winds of only 5–10 mph should limit the broader fire-weather threat.

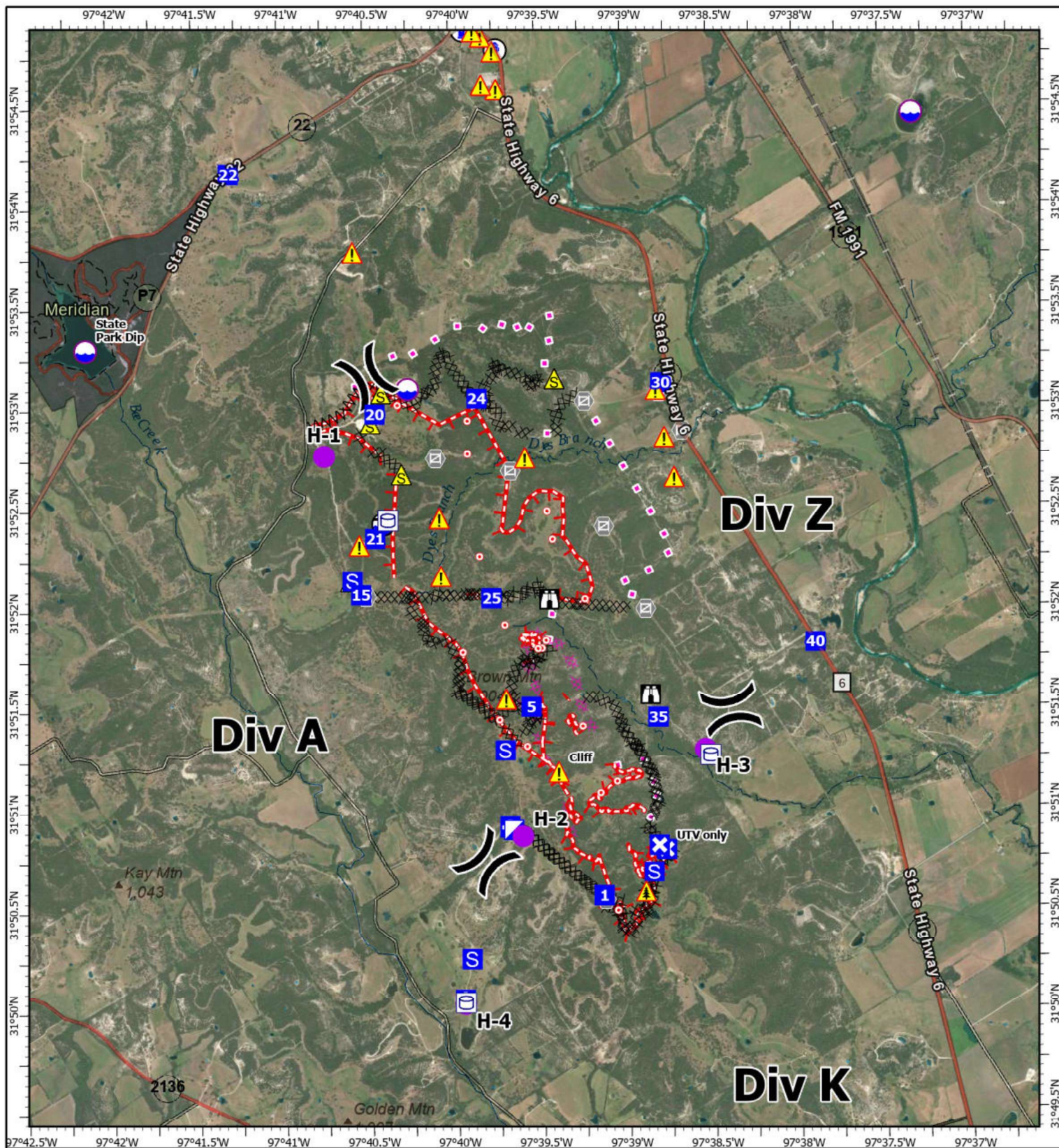
The Hydra Fire has already demonstrated that its **cedar/juniper, grass, rough terrain, and canyon environment can support running, spotting, and group torching**. Consequently, localized fire behavior can exceed what would normally be expected from Friday's relatively light general winds.

Primary fire-behavior concerns for the operational period are: rapid drying of fine fuels after approximately 1000; increasing surface-fire intensity through the afternoon; cedar/juniper torching and short-range spotting; uphill runs where slope and fuels align; localized wind channeling through canyons

and drainages; and spot fires or residual heat threatening established containment lines during peak heating.

Overall fire activity should **increase steadily from approximately 1000, become most active from about 1300–1800, and begin moderating after 1800**. The most favorable suppression conditions should occur during the first several hours of the operational period.

One additional concern is the trend into **Saturday, September 19**. NWS currently expects RH to fall to **20–25% with stronger south winds around 10–15 mph**, and identifies Saturday as potentially having the greatest regional increase in grass-fire activity. Therefore, Friday's relatively light winds provide an important opportunity for strengthening containment before a potentially less favorable Saturday burning period.



OPERATIONS

Hydra

TX-TXS-268545

9/16/2026

1,100 acres at 9/16/2026 5:10 AM

0 0.25 0.5 1

Miles

1:48,507 | Emily Turner (TFS GISS) | 9/16/2026 09:20

Acres from GPS

North American 1983 Datum, LatLong Grid



- Water Tank
- Division Break
- Safety Zone
- Hazard
- Hazard Tree
- Helispot
- Lookout
- Hot Spot - Spot Fire

- Medical
- Incident Command Post
- Drop Point
- Closure
- Staging Area
- Dip Site
- Draft Site
- Hydrant

- Gate
- Completed Dozer Line
- Completed Fuel Break
- Planned Dozer Line
- Proposed Line
- Fire Edge (Field Collection)

Activity Log (ICS 214)

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