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TAHC releases 59,100 acres in Starr County from Temporary Fever Tick Quarantine Zone

AUSTIN - The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) has released 59,100 acres of the temporary preventative quarantine zone located in Starr County effective May 20. This release includes 141 premises. The temporary preventative quarantine will remain in effect for the remaining 93,615 acres located in both Starr and Hidalgo counties. The preventative quarantine was imposed on July 2, 2009. The TAHC has modified the temporary preventative quarantine zone because there are portions of that zone that have met the requirements for quarantine release. The release now rescinds all movement restrictions placed on the livestock in those released areas. A map of the release and currently quarantined area is available on the TAHC website at www.tahc.state.tx.us.

"The release of 59,100 acres in Starr County that were under the temporary preventative quarantine is good news for Texas," said Dr. Dee Ellis, TAHC State Veterinarian. "It shows that the joint efforts between the USDA-Veterinary Services Tick Force, TAHC, local ranchers and the Texas cattle industry are effective. The Texas livestock industry must continue its efforts, however, to detect and eradicate the cattle fever tick in South Texas along the Mexico border."

For more information about the cattle fever tick visit http://tahc.state.tx.us/animal_health/fevertick/fevertick.html.

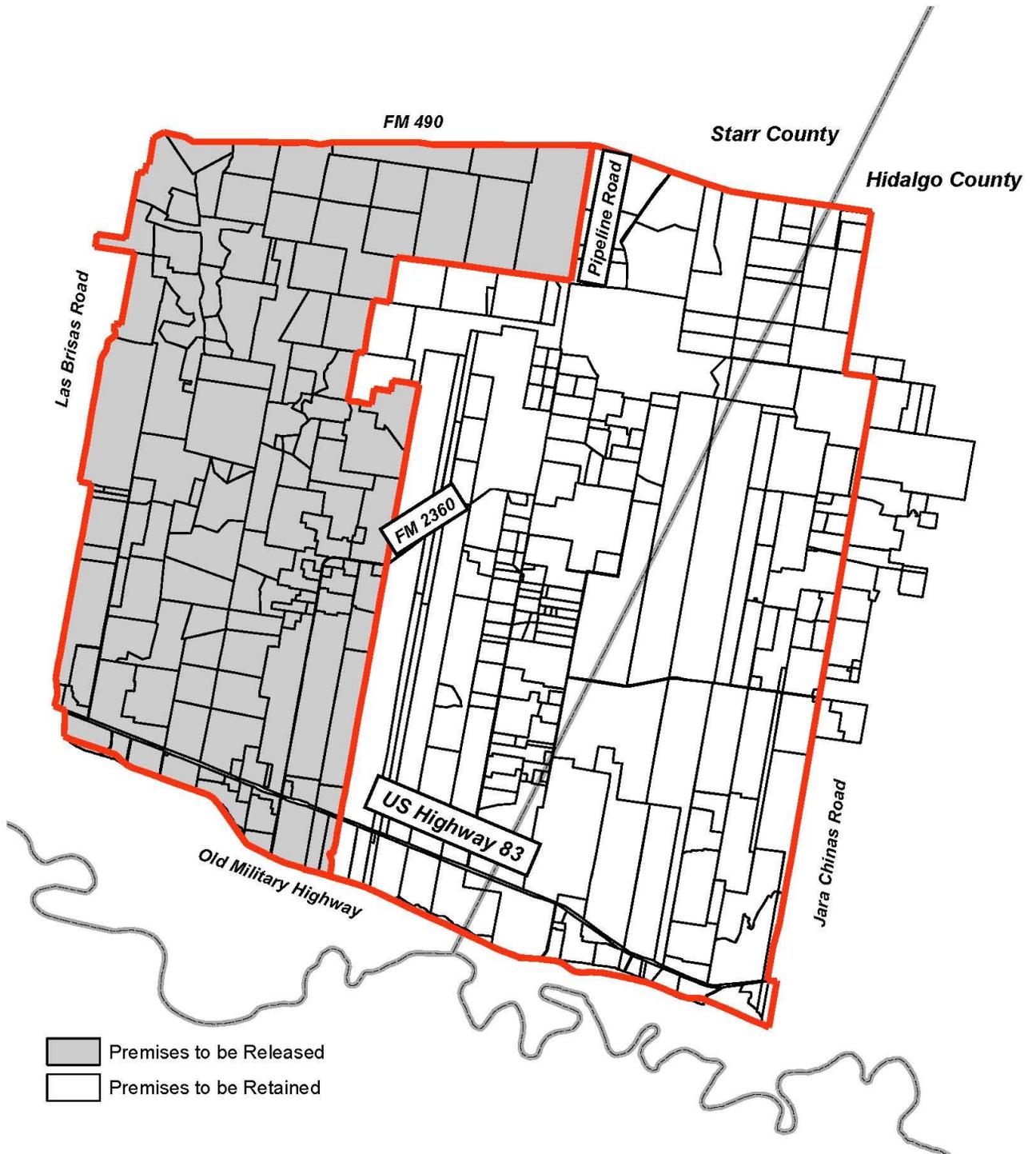
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