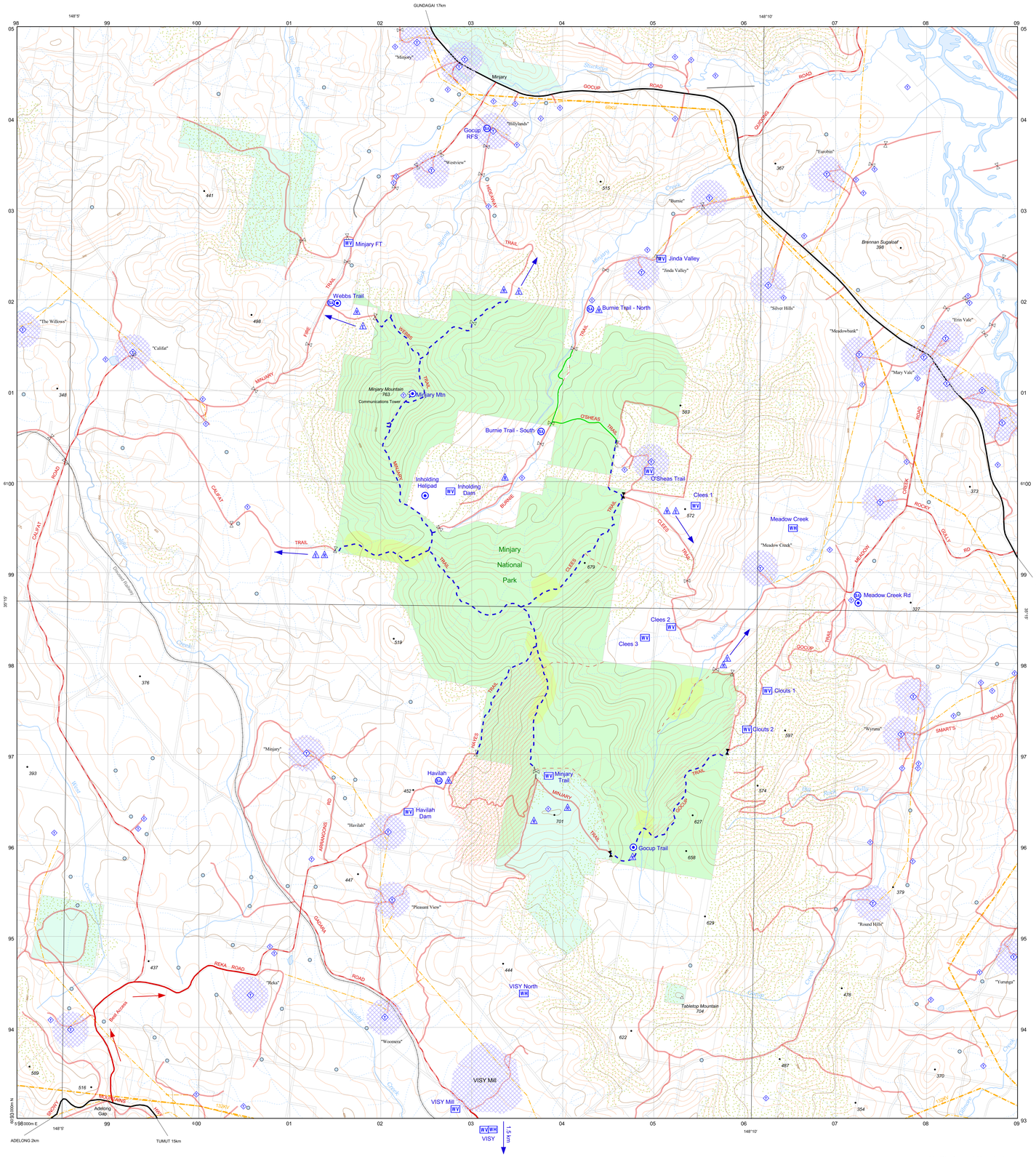

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

ACTIVITY	OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES
Command, control and firefighting arrangements Fire Response (FMM 4.1 & 4.2)	- First fire personnel of any agency on site may assume control of the fire, but must ensure the relevant land management agency is promptly notified. - On arrival of other fire agencies, the initial incident controller will consult with the other agencies on the ongoing command, control and incident management team requirements as per the relevant BFMC Plan of Operations. - The use of earth-moving equipment and aerial suppression must be approved by a senior NPWS officer.
Aircraft Operations (NPWS FMM 4.4 & 4.8)	- Pilots must be briefed on the location and type of powerlines within incident operation area. - Aerial water bombing and aerial ignitions are permissible in this reserve, however can only be used and commenced on the instruction of the incident controller or senior NPWS officer. - Water bombing operations should support containment operations by aggressively attacking flanks, hotspots, spot-overs and head fires where required. - Where possible, foams should be used to increase the effectiveness of water, however limit use within 50m of watercourses and dams. - The use of water bombing aircraft without the support of ground based suppression crews should be limited to specific circumstances as determined by the senior NPWS officer. - Ground crews must be briefed and alerted to aerial ignition and water bombing operations
Back burning (NPWS FMM 4.8)	- All backburning operations must be planned and approved by a senior NPWS officer. - Backburning operations should minimise the potential run of introduced fire. - All crews must be briefed on the sequence and safety precautions of the operation. - Generally, burning should commence when the humidity rises in late afternoon or early evening and spotting is minimal. With a low FDI, burning may be safely undertaken during the day. - Where practicable, clear 1m radius around dead and fibrous barked trees adjacent to containment lines prior to burning, or wet down these trees as part of the backburn ignition preparation.
Control lines (NPWS FMM 3.9)	- Existing constructed or natural fire control advantages should be used, wherever possible, to contain bushfires. - Trails that comply with the Bush Fire Coordinating Committee Policy 1/03 "Fire Trails" are identified on this operations map. - As a minimum, management trails identified on the operations map are maintained to a standard to provide access to Category 9, unless otherwise indicated.
Earth moving machinery (NPWS FMM 4.3)	- Strategies involving earth-moving equipment must be approved by the senior NPWS officer before implementation. - Earth-moving equipment must be supervised and guided by an experienced NPWS officer or a person recognised to be appropriately experienced. - All earthmoving equipment employed in fire operations must be accompanied by a support vehicle that has equipment available to contact support personnel in an emergency. Plant involved in direct or parallel attack must be accompanied by either a slip-on or a fire tanker for safety purposes. - At the commencement of shifts, all operators and guides must be briefed on safety consideration and actions to prevent damage to sensitive natural and cultural heritage. - Where possible, control lines running along valley areas should be constructed 50m from gullies to avoid severe erosion.
Fire suppression chemicals (NPWS FMM 4.9)	- Wetting and foaming agents (surfactants) are permitted for use in wildfire suppression. - Use of chemicals must be authorised by the senior NPWS officer. - As far as possible, exclude the use of surfactants within 50m of watercourses and dams. - Use surfactants where natural advantages provide the most effective applications of the chemicals.
Post fire rehabilitation (NPWS FMM 5.1)	- The rehabilitation process should be addressed during the incident, in the Incident Action Plan.
Smoke management (NPWS FMM 3.4)	- The potential impacts of smoke and possible mitigation tactics must be considered when planning for wildfire suppression and prescribed burning operations. - Where smoke has the potential to be a hazard on local roads or highways the police, RTA, local shire council and relevant media must be notified. - Monitor local roads and access for smoke hazards and install road safety/warning signs where necessary. Traffic control must comply with RTA Traffic Control at Worksites Manual requirements.
Transmission lines (Powerlines)	- May cause danger to ground personnel through smoke conduction of electricity through the air - Contact the relevant authority to turn the power off prior to back burning operations under lines
Water supplies	- There are no water resources within the reserve. Some water points shown on the operations map may be dry (depending on the season). - Access to water supplies on private property will be negotiated prior to use, except according to S44 provisions - Arrangements may be made to replace water used after the fire, as required.

SUPPRESSION STRATEGIES

FFDI	OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES
Current Low - Mod & Forecast Low - Mod	- Undertake direct, parallel or indirect attack along existing containment lines. - Where practicable, consider maximising the fire area in accordance with the requirements of any proposed prescribed burns in the fire planning strategy and Bushfire Management Committee agreements.
Current Low - Mod & Forecast High or >	- In order to minimise the fire area and secure the flanks as soon as possible, undertake direct, parallel or indirect attack along the closest containment lines. - Pay particular attention to the flank on the next predicted down wind side. - Consider fall back containment strategies
Current High or > & Forecast High or >	- Undertake indirect attack along existing or newly constructed containment lines. - Secure and deepen containment lines along the next predicted downwind side of the fire. - Allow sufficient time to secure containment lines to avoid wasted effort and potential failure. - Prepare and implement fall back containment strategies.
Fire Advantages	- Streams in the reserve are intermittent and should not be regarded as passive control lines under normal conditions - Reserve trails may function as fire advantages

Note: Always ensure there is sufficient time to secure containment lines prior to the fire impacting upon them.

FIRE SEASON INFORMATION

The critical fire season occurs between January and March, when the weather conditions and potential for fire events is at its highest. Particular care and monitoring is required during periods of prolonged drought when strong negative Southern Oscillation Indices preceed the fire season, and when low pressure systems dominate central and southern Australia during and leading up to the fire season. During these times fires may exhibit high intensity behaviour in windy conditions and exceed current rate of spread indices. Periods of extended drought, may give rise to higher potential bushfire behaviour during winter.
Any proposed prescribed burning should be undertaken before late autumn precipitation occurs. The least likely period to impact on fauna during prescribed burning between the end of March and early April, depending on weather conditions (past, present and forecast). Prescribed fire should only be implemented when conditions provide low intensity and patchy burning coverage. Any fire in spring should be avoided.
During the fire season prevailing winds during the day are from the west and northwest. All ignitions under a SW influence should be managed with the potential for flanks to become heads, as fronts pass through, and W to NW wind trends return.

South West Slopes Region
Minjary National Park
Fire Operations Map
2006

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This Map should be used in conjunction with air photos and ground reconnaissance during incidents and the development of incident action plans.

This map is based on Land and Property Information Standard 1:25000 Topographic Map Series.

LIFE & PROPERTY GUIDELINES

Visitor safety (NPWS FMM 3.6)	Where possible; - Visitors in or adjacent to the fire ground will not be permitted unless authorised by the Incident Controller. The presence of visitors should be reported to the incident controller immediately, who will arrange for an evacuation if necessary. - 'Park closed' or 'smoke hazard' signs must be placed in areas used by visitors prior to undertaking prescribed burning. - Notify media that wildfire or prescribed fire exists within the reserve/area.
Asset Protection	Communications tower on Mount Minjary. - Protect communications tower from any fire and use APZ as and advantage to assist in suppression. - Notify neighbours and communication tower manager of wildfire or the implementation of prescribed burns.

HERITAGE MANAGEMENT ZONE GUIDELINES

ZONE	GUIDELINES (WITHIN THE ZONE)
HMZ 1 (High Priority)	Where possible; - Contain fires to small areas and lower potential intensity and manage to produce mosaic burn patterns. - Avoid the use of earth moving machines. - Avoid the use of suffactants/retardants. - Protect mature trees and avoid felling large and hollow bearing trees during 'mop up' activities. - Prescribed fire should be avoided, unless deemed necessary for ecological purposes.
HMZ 2	Where possible; - Minimise the potential for fire to spread and or contain to existing control lines. - Where wildfires occur in untreated areas programed for prescribed burning (ie. SFMZ), fire may be allowed to burn if conditions are appropriate. - Prescribed fire or other fuel manipulation program may be applied to the area to reduce potential risks. - Manage fire to produce mosaic (patchy) burn patterns (where weather conditions permit). - Earthmoving equipment may be used to contain fire within DEC policy guidelines. - Retardants and foams may be used to suppress fire, however minimise use within 50m of water courses and dams.

CULTURAL HERITAGE GUIDELINES

THEME	GUIDELINES
Aboriginal & Historic Heritage (FMM 4.11)	- Brief personnel involved in control line construction and vehicle based fire suppression operations on site locations and the required management strategies for site protection. Include in Incident Action Plans. - Liaise with the relevant heritage officer and or representative where considered necessary.
Scarred trees ◈ 1	- Clear fuels, with hand tools, from tree base and/or foam base to 3m up tree trunk. - Do not clear or fell trees. - Where possible, avoid new trail construction within 20m of trees and construct trails on the advancing fire side of the tree. - Prescribed burn or back burning operations should minimise the potential threat of radiant heat on the tree.
Rock arrangements, rock engravings, bora rings, etc ◈ 2	- Avoid new trail construction or ground disturbance within close proximity of site. Where possible, ensure site is protected by constructing trails or hand tool lines on the advancing fires side. - Clear, by hand, excess fuels from the site. - Avoid direct attack methods (including aerial water bombing) at known sites. Surfactants and retardants in aerial line drops may be used adjacent to, but not directly on sites. - Prescribed burn or back burning operations should protect sites from the potential threat of radiant heat and smoke on sites.
Art sites and over-hangs ◈ 3	- Avoid new trail construction or ground disturbance within close proximity of site. Where practicable, ensure site is protected by constructing trails or hand tool lines on the advancing fire side. - Clear, by hand (whipper snippers, brush cutters, mowers), excess fuels from the site. - Avoid direct attack methods on sites. - Avoid aerial water bombing, use of foams and or retardants at known sites. Use of foam or aerial line drops may be used adjacent to, but not directly on sites. - Prescribed burn or back burning operations should protect sites from the potential threat of radiant heat and smoke (carbon deposition) on sites.
Open camp sites ◈	- Avoid ground disturbance at or within close proximity of the site (30m). Earthmoving blades should be raised in these locations to avoid damage to sites on trails, unless a "Consent to Destroy" has been attained. - Avoid direct attack methods (including aerial water bombing) at known sites. - Use of foam or aerial line drops may be used adjacent to, but not directly on sites.
Historic Heritage	None recorded.

FMM - contains extracts from NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service Fire Management Manual (December 2004).
For the purposes of public exhibition, some information will not be displayed due to obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 1989, Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998, regulations and amendments, and Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environment and Conservation and Aboriginal Communities.

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

AGENCY/RESOURCE	CHANNEL	MRX FREQ.	MTX FREQ.	NOTES
NPWS (VHF)	**5**	MRX 77.7000	MTX 80.2000	Big Talbingo Mountain - Southern section has the best coverage.
	7	MRX 77.7000	MTX 80.2000	Mount Yaven - best channel on the western side of reserve.
NPWS (VHF) FIRE GROUND	**17**	82.3875	82.3875	Channel to be determined by ground crews, crew leaders, Division commanders etc. Any changes will be noted in IAP.
	18	79.8375	79.8375	
	19	79.9625	79.9625	
RFS (PMR)	**78**	MRX 418.9625	MTX 409.5125	Mount Adrah - primary channel.
	65	MRX 415.0625	MTX 405.6125	Wereboldera - secondary channel.
RFS (UHF) CB	**10**	27.075 MHz		
	6	27.025 MHz		
AIRCRAFT COMMUNICATIONS (Fire Communication Traffic Advisory Frequencies F-CTAF)		119.10 Mhz	State wide	
		120.80 Mhz	State wide	
		122.80 Mhz	State wide	
		123.45 Mhz	Pilots (chit chat) "The Numbers" channel	***Unauthorised and inappropriate use of Aviation Channels is a criminal offence***
		128.70 Mhz	State wide	
		132.75 Mhz	State wide	

Mobile Phone Coverage- generally, good coverage across the reserve, however signal may be weaker in gullies and areas with a dense canopy.

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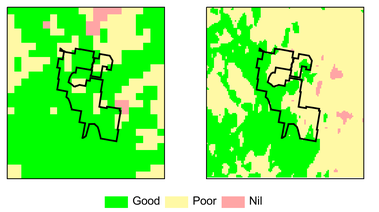

CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS

NATIONAL PARKS AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

SWS Tumut Office (B/H)	6947 7000
SWS Tumut Office Fax	6947 4170
Incident Answering Service (A/H)	1800 629 104

COUNCILS

Tumut Council	6941 2555
Brungle ALC	6947 4518

NEIGHBOUR INFORMATION

Consult SWS Region databases

RURAL FIRE SERVICE

Tumut Fire Control Centre (Ph)	6941 2222
(Fax)	6941 2220
Duty Officer	6941 2229
Gundagai Fire Control Centre (Ph)	6944 4011
(Fax)	6944 4013
Duty Officer	6941 2229
State Operations (24 hrs)	8741 5400

EMERGENCY SERVICES 000

POLICE - Tumut (Ph)	6947 7199
(Fax)	6947 7111
AMBULANCE	13 1233
State Emergency Service Tumut	6948 4010
Tumut Rescue Squad	6947 1679
Fire Brigade - Tumut	6947 1622

OTHER ORGANISATIONS

WIRES (24 Hr)	6949 5999

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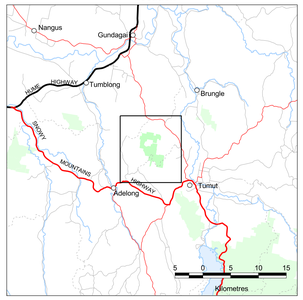

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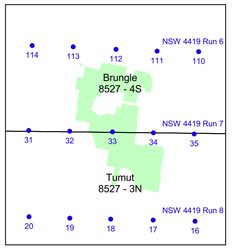

Minjary National Park - Waypoints

Name	Description	Easting	Northing	Longitude	Latitude
Burnie Trail - North	Staging Area	604300	6101900	148° 08' 46"	35° 13' 14"
Burnie Trail - South	Staging Area	603760	6100550	148° 08' 25"	35° 13' 57"
Clees 1	Waterpoint - Vehicle	605460	6099730	148° 09' 33"	35° 14' 23"
Clees 2	Waterpoint - Vehicle (intermittent)	605190	6098400	148° 09' 23"	35° 15' 07"
Clees 3	Waterpoint - Vehicle (intermittent)	604900	6098280	148° 09' 11"	35° 15' 11"
Clouts 1	Waterpoint - Vehicle (intermittent)	606250	6097700	148° 10' 05"	35° 15' 29"
Clouts 2	Waterpoint - Vehicle (intermittent)	606020	6097270	148° 09' 56"	35° 15' 43"
Gocup RFS	Staging Area	603160	6103880	148° 07' 60"	35° 12' 10"
Gocup Trail	Remote Helipad	604770	6095980	148° 09' 07"	35° 16' 25"
Havilah	Staging Area	602630	6096710	148° 07' 42"	35° 16' 02"
Havilah Dam	Waterpoint - Vehicle	602300	6096370	148° 07' 29"	35° 16' 14"
Inholding Dam	Waterpoint - Vehicle	602760	6099890	148° 07' 46"	35° 14' 19"
Inholding Helipad	Remote Helipad	602480	6099840	148° 07' 35"	35° 14' 21"
Jinda Valley	Waterpoint - Vehicle	605080	6102450	148° 09' 16"	35° 12' 55"
Meadow Ck	Waterpoint - Helicopter	606530	6099490	148° 10' 15"	35° 14' 31"
Meadow Creek Rd	Staging Area, Remote Helipad	607240	6098750	148° 10' 43"	35° 14' 55"
Minjary FT	Waterpoint - Vehicle	601640	6102620	148° 07' 00"	35° 12' 51"
Minjary Mountain	Remote Helipad	602350	6100970	148° 07' 29"	35° 13' 44"
Minjary Trail	Waterpoint - Vehicle	603840	6096760	148° 08' 30"	35° 16' 00"
Osheas Trail	Waterpoint - Vehicle	604950	6100110	148° 09' 12"	35° 14' 11"
VISY Mill	Waterpoint - Vehicle	602820	6093100	148° 07' 51"	35° 17' 59"
VISY North	Waterpoint - Helicopter	603570	6094370	148° 08' 20"	35° 17' 18"
Webbs Trail	Staging Area, Remote Helipad	601450	6101960	148° 06' 53"	35° 13' 12"

Assembly Area
Base Camp
Control Centre
Staging Area
Airbase
Water Point - Helicopter
Water Point - Vehicle
Helipad
Refuge Area
Escape Route

Farm Dam
Spotheight
Survey Landmark
Gate
Locked Gate
Homestead Complex
Asset
Threatened Fauna
Threatened Flora
Asset Buffer Zone

BFCC Standard Trail
Primary
Secondary
Dormant
Management Trail
Cat 1
Cat 2
Cat 7
Cat 9
Other Roads
Sealed Road
Main Unsealed Road
Minor Unsealed Road
Trail
Dormant Trail

Walking Track
Railway
Landing Ground
Gas Pipe Line
Major Power Line (With Voltage)
Minor Power Line
State Border
100m Contour
20m Contour
Cadastre
River
Creek
Drainage Line

Waterbody
DEC Estate - HMZ1
DEC Estate - HMZ2
Other DEC Estate
Crown Land
State Forest
Timber Plantation
Wooded Area
Karst Area
Recently Burnt Area

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