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‘Brush Sculpting’ is subject of two-day October workshop

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SNYDER – Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the workshop, “Brush Sculpting...A Decade Later,” on Oct. 23-24.

The first day’s activities will run from 8:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Scurry County Coliseum in Snyder. The second day’s events will be at the Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch at Roby.

“Brush Sculpting” is the art and science of selectively removing woody plants to optimize a property’s potential for sustaining a balance of wildlife, livestock, aesthetics and value,” said Dr. Dale Rollins, who coined the phrase ten years ago.

He said the methodology, now used on thousands of Texas acres, often incorporates a number of integrated management techniques to achieve the final goal.

The purpose of the workshop is to review the evolution of Brush Sculpting and to look at and evaluate the many methods now used in the practice on Texas rangelands, Rollins said.

The first day’s topics will include cases studies conducted on the King Ranch and Lazy B Ranch at Brownwood, optimizing U.S. farm bill cost-share programs, planning considerations for livestock, deer and quail management, and new Brush Sculpting innovations.

The second day’s activities will include demonstrations of Brush Busters individual plant treatment techniques; prickly pear control using boomless nozzles and other application methods; half-cutting mesquite for quail cover; patch-burn grazing and summer burning.

The program has been approved for eight Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units (5½ in the general category and 2½ in the integrated pest management category).

Individual registration is \$30 before Oct. 10 and \$50 thereafter. Mail payment to: Brush Sculpting...A Decade Later, Texas Wildlife Association, 2800 NE Loop 410, Ste 105, San Antonio, TX, 78218.

Contributing workshop partners are AgriLife Extension; Renewable Resources Extension Act; Texas AgriLife Research; Landitude, Inc.; Rolling Plains Quail Research Ranch; Natural Resources Conservation Service and Texas Wildlife Association.

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