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‘Brush Sculpting’ workshop in Snyder offers eight continuing education units

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SNYDER – Eight Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units is a lot to be offered at one workshop. But that’s how many private pesticide applicator license holders can earn at Texas AgriLife Extension Service’s “Brush Sculpting...A Decade Later” 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 balance of wildlife, livestock, aesthetics and value,” said Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist who coined the phrase 10 years ago.

Rollins said much of the workshop will be devoted to evaluating the many methods now used on thousands of Texas acres.

The first day’s topics will include case 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 eight Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units offered are divided into five and a half in the general category and two and a half in the integrated pest management category.

The pre-registration deadline has been extended until Oct. 17. Individual registration is \$30 before Oct. 17 and \$50 thereafter. Mail payment to: Brush Sculpting...A Decade Later, Texas Wildlife Association, 2800 N.E. 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, Texas Wildlife Association, and Western Texas College.

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