

Rangeland Restoration Workshop Slated in Sonora on August 26

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SONORA - Texas AgriLife Extension Service is conducting a multi-county rangeland restoration workshop from 8:30 a.m. until noon on Aug. 26 in the Sutton County Civic Center in Sonora.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered in the general, integrated pest management and laws and regulations categories.

“Unlike the central and southern parts of Texas, we’ve been blessed with good rains throughout the spring and summer,” said Pascual Hernandez, AgriLife Extension agent in Sutton County. “This bountiful moisture has given us a chance to restore our rangelands.”

“Controlling brush should top ranchers’ ‘to-do’ list because noxious woody plants can quickly sap moisture from the soil,” he said. “But some rarer practices such as range-seeding might also be an option, especially if the rains continue. Our purpose with this program is to give ranchers a reminder of what is available, and what might be the most cost-effective practice to adapt in our area.”

Topics will include brush control demonstration efforts, range site restoration, rangeland cost-share programs and pesticide applicator laws and regulations.

Speakers will include Dr. Bob Lyons, AgriLife Extension range specialist at Uvalde; Bill Neiman, founder of Native American Seed in Junction; Tom Payton, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Sonora; and Corey Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector at San Angelo.

The workshop is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett counties.

Registration is free, but organizers ask that those planning to attend call the AgriLife Extension office in Sonora at 325-387-3101 so adequate plans can be made.

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