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 Meet Sid! I've hidden him inside this Newsletter. The first person to find him and post it on the Kerr County SWCD's Facebook page gets a prize!

~Missie Dreiss, Kerr County SWCD District Technician



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COW POKES & LAND FOLKS



Conference

Friday, May 7, 2021 8:00am - 4:00pm

Hill Country Youth Event Center ~ 3785 Hwy. 27 Kerrville, TX 78028

\$30.00 Early Bird Special ends April 2nd ~ \$45.00 At The Gate

5 CEU's (Pesticide Lic.) 7 hours A.T (Master Naturalists)

Please make checks payable to Kerr County SWCD and Mail to: 2104 Memorial Blvd. Ste. 103, Kerrville, TX 78028

Date and Number of CEU's / A.T are subject to change due to COVID-19



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Control of Invasive Plants

Control of invasive plants involves many different methods, depending on the type of brush or weed that has become a problem.

Methods of control include mechanical, chemical, prescribed burning and biological. These methods of control may be used separately or in conjunction with one another.

Woody plants such as mesquite, redberry juniper and saltcedar are all vigorous resprouters. In order for the initial brush management method to be successful, follow-up treatment must be planned and implemented in a timely manner. Timing of herbicide application is of paramount importance. Two criteria are essential in controlling sprouting brush species:

- 1) taproot must be severed and
- 2) lateral roots must be severed.

Most all methods of brush management can be carried out in such a way that it will not only benefit livestock, but also maintain valuable wildlife habitat. Many forms of wildlife are "Edge" animals; they rely on forbs, legumes, seeds, browse (woody species), grasses, or other plants that grow along open or semi-open areas. They prefer to stay near a protective cover of woody plants.

Consideration should be given to leaving strips, mottes, or other patterns of woody plants when planning brush management strategies in order to increase the amount of available "edge"

for the benefit of the wildlife in your area. Woody cover should always be left undisturbed along creeks, streams, draws and steep slopes. When planning brush and weed control for the benefit of upland game birds, e.g. bobwhite quail, scattered trees and shrubs should be left as well as some disturbed areas for forb growth.

Know your plants. In most cases there are usually desirable woody plants that wildlife utilizes for food as well as cover. Recognizing the desirable plants in a pasture and making plans to protect them will only improve the wildlife habitat.

For information on NRCS programs and services in Kerr county, give Soil Conservationist, Nathan Orsak or Rangeland Specialist Christian Hopkins a call at

(830) 896-4911 x3

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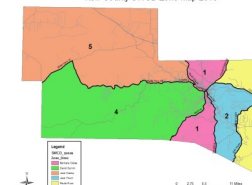
District Clerk

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Kerr County SWCD Zone Map 2018



Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Resource Team Leader

Cole Jacoby

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Katy Meador

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OFFICE HOURS:

NRCS 8:00-4:30 Mon-Fri

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KERR COUNTY LOCAL WORK GROUP Feedback Form



Your input is needed! Help determine natural resource priorities and criteria for USDA-NRCS conservation and programs planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

You are invited to:

- ✓ Help shape plans and priorities future projects.
- ✓ Identify where the best investments can be made to address natural resource issues
- ✓ Review the work that has already been done in the county, and
- ✓ Share your vision for what the county will look like when these natural resource concerns have been addressed.

Feedback Form:

1. Scan this QR code with your phone. It will take you to the feedback form
2. Answer the questions
3. Press Submit



Deadline: April 7, 2021

TIME: 5:00 pm

For more information contact:

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- Brush Management
- Carbon Cycle Relationships
- Field Trips to Area Ranches

When/Where/Who/Cost:

June 20-25, 2021

Texas Tech University Center at Junction, Texas

Students (14 to 18 years old) who have completed 8th grade.

Cost is \$500 per student and includes all meals, lodging, and educational materials.

FOR MORE INFORMATION :

For Workshop Info:

Caitlyn Cooper-Norris - (940) 229-1270 or Dan Caudle - (817) 597-0788

Sponsorship opportunities may be available from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, ranches, businesses, or organizations in your local area.

For questions or information on financial matters contact:

Jenny Pluhar - (806) 679-8729

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