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Workshop to Focus on Managing Wildlife During a Drought

Devine, Texas, Sept. 2, 2009 – A workshop focusing on wildlife management during a drought, including factors affecting wildlife because of drought, will be held on Wed., Oct. 7 at the Devine Community Center, 200 East Hondo Avenue, in Devine, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The drought has had a devastating impact not only on the crops and livestock in Central and South Texas, but the wildlife have been impacted by lack of food and water. This workshop will provide information on balancing deer habitats and numbers, address range recovery from drought, as well as current issues and topics important to deer management. The Alamo Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Area, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas/Mexico Border Coalition CBO and Texas AgriLife Extension Service, are hosting the meeting.

Topics:

- Deer Management: A Hands off Approach
- Wildlife Tax Appraisal
- Hunting: No the Laws
- Deer Management Permit Program
- Deer Nutrition, Drought and Cows
- Deer Browse Surveys
- Deer and Boll Weevil

Speakers:

- Dr. Jim Gallagher, Wildlife Specialist, Agrilife Extension, Texas A & M System
- Garry Stephens, Wildlife Biologist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- Matt Reidy, Regulatory Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Craig Bowen, Business Development/Biologist, Ranch Logistics
- Jorge Tamayo, Game Warden, Texas Parks and Wildlife
- Dr. Tim Fulbright, Professor, Texas A & M Kingsville
- Ken Weidenfeller, Regional Director, Texas Department of Agriculture

The cost is \$10 per person, and includes lunch and a mini-trade show, featuring wildlife supply vendors and state and federal agencies. To reserve a seat for this program by Oct. 2, contact Bertha Venegas, Alamo RC&D coordinator, by calling (830) 249-6163 or email alamorcd@gmail.com. Seating is limited. Continuing education units (CEUs) will be offered.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Bertha Venegas at least two weeks prior to the meeting with his/her specific request.