



# Ranching & Wildlife Expo

February 29 – March 3

## *Drought and Fire Seminars*

Reliant Center – Second Floor – Room 207

### Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 — Drought

10:20 – 11:05 a.m.

***The History of Drought*** — How does our current situation compare to what has happened in the past and what are the challenges for the future? *Presented by Brent McRoberts, Research Assistant Office of the State Climatologist, Texas A&M University*

11:15 a.m. – Noon

***Wetlands Management*** — What are the challenges and opportunities in drought situations? *Presented by Kevin Hartke, Waterfowl and Wetland Habitat Specialist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

1 – 1:45 p.m.

***Negotiating with Oil and Gas and Pipeline Companies*** — Provisions to Protect Your Water and Ranching and Wildlife Operations, *Presented by William R. "Billy" Murphy Jr., Vice President and General Manager of King Ranch Minerals, Inc.*

1:55 – 2:40 p.m.

***Managing Quail Habitat and Populations During Drought Times*** — Reflections on the 2011-2012 Quail Season *Presented by Matt Schnupp, Biologist for King Ranch, Inc.*

2:50 – 3:35 p.m.

***Operating a Sustainable Commercial Hunting Operation*** — What Changes During Drought Conditions? *Presented by Justin Field, Area Manager for King Ranch Commercial Hunting Operations.*

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

***King Ranch Panel Discussion***

Land Use in Drought Conditions — What Can Be Done to Keep Everyone Happy, If Anything (or Who Gets First Call on Water Use), *Panelists: William R. "Billy" Murphy Jr., Matt Schupp, Justin Field*

### Thursday, March 1, 2012 — Fire

10:20 – 11:05 a.m.

***History of Fire in our Ecosystem*** — How has fire impacted the habitat across the state and what makes the Bastrop County Complex fire different. *Presented by Rich Gray, Program Coordinator, Texas Forest Service.*

11:15 a.m. – Noon

***Wildfire in South Texas*** — 95% of TPWD's Chaparral Wildlife Management Area burned in a March 2008 wildfire that consumed 67,500 acres in South Texas. What was the immediate impact on wildlife and habitat, and what is the current situation? *Presented by Daniel Walker, Chaparral Wildlife Management Area Wildlife Biologist, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

1 – 1:45 p.m.

***Bastrop Post-Fire Restoration and Regeneration*** — 95% of TPWD's Bastrop State Park burned in the 2011 Labor Day Weekend wildfire that consumed over 30,000 acres in and around Bastrop, Texas—what are some of the differences/similarities to the fire in South Texas? What have the impacts been and what are some of the management practices being utilized? *Presented by Todd McClanahan, Bastrop State Park Manager, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

1:55 – 2:40 p.m.

***Managing Wildlife after a Wildfire*** — *Presented by Meredith Longoria, Wildlife Biologist for Bastrop and Caldwell Counties, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*

2:50 – 3:35 p.m.

***Prescribed Burning*** — How can we use fire as a habitat management tool, grazing management tool, and a wildfire mitigating tool? *Presented by Greg Pleasant, Wildlife Biologist for Lee and Fayette Counties, Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept.*

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

***The Future of Fire*** — What does the future hold for more wildfires and more prescribed burning on the landscape? *Presented by Mark Wobus, Regional Fire Coordinator, Texas Forest Service.*

