



RUSSELL PROPERTY  
+/- 237 Acres San Jacinto County, Texas



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## RUSSELL PROPERTY, 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

The subject property is a contiguous 237 acres owned by George and Suzanne Russell, and is being managed for recreational wildlife use. Of the 237 total property acres, 222.3576 acres are currently appraised for wildlife management use. In 2014 the wildlife management activities that took place on the property include: habitat control, predator control, supplemental food, and supplemental shelter.

### I. HABITAT CONTROL

#### **Prescribed Burns**

Prescribed burning is being utilized on the subject property as the primary method for native habitat restoration. In 2014, 53 acres were treated with prescribed fire. Burn units are treated with fire on a rotation that mimics native cycles with uplands sites being burned more frequently than low lying sites that would seldom be prone to wildfires as a result of saturated or inundated soils. .

*Supporting Documentation Included:* Prescribed fire photos taken on the Russell property in 2014 (shown below)



*Annual prescribed burning operations are conducted on the Russell Property by full time and part time employees that are experienced in the safe and effective execution of prescribed burns. As shown in the left photo burns result in rich re-growth.*

## **II. SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD**

### **Deer Feeders**

In 2014 2 feeders were used on the property to make protein feed available to white-tailed deer during the spring and summer to aid in fawn production and antler development. During the fall and winter corn was fed to provide deer with a high energy food source to replenish energy reserves lost during the rut and winter stress period. As shown in figure 1, one feeder is located on the west side of waterwood parkway and one is located on the east side.

### **Food Plots**

A 2.5 acre food plot was cleared and planted in rye to provide additional nourishment for wildlife. The food plot was linearly shaped along one of the burn units so that it could also serve as a fire break during the execution of prescribed burns.



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The prescribed burning activities described in section I reduce competition from invasive species and stimulate growth of native forage sources for target wildlife populations.

## **III. PREDATOR CONTROL**

### **Hog Control**

Feral hogs are prevalent on the subject property, and were hunted as well as harvested opportunistically in 2014.

## **IV. Supplemental Shelter**

### **Pasture Management**

A 13.4 acre area was mowed in order to enhance ground level cover and forage opportunities for target wildlife species.



*Photo showing the 13.4 pasture that was managed through mowing in 2014.*