

The Importance of Updating Your Wildlife Management Plan

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Understanding Wildlife Management

- Alternative agricultural use
- Must be currently in Ag valuation
- Tax valuation same as Ag valuation
- Manage property for <u>native wildlife</u>
- 7 activity categories (50+ practices)
- Perform 3 wildlife practices annually



Why landowners choose Wildlife Management Valuation

- Tired of traditional Ag
- Change of lifestyle or priorities
- Want to improve property
- Property resale value
- Limits liability (livestock)
- Possibly less effort and cost
- More freedom and choices
- Because it is enjoyable



Why do I need a plan?

- It's required
- It's the best way to reach your goals
- Proper planning leads to better results
- Helps with budget it doesn't all have to be done at once
- Timing of activities is important fire ants, quail surveys
- It tells the appraisal district what you are doing your Ag use

How you maintain your Ag valuation is a personal choice and you have options.

Your plan identifies those options.

Wildlife management activities

Minimum requirements: Must complete 3 of 7 activities

- 1. Habitat control
- 2. Erosion control
- 3. Predator control
- 4. Supplemental food
- 5. Supplemental water
- 6. Supplemental shelter
- 7. Census





Habitat control

Game population management Brush management Riparian management





Erosion control

Pond/tank construction Streamside, pond, wetland re-vegetation Dam construction/repair

10 year wildlife management activity **

- ** Enhanced recreational value
- ** Increased property value





Predator control

Feral animals (hogs, cats, etc.)
Imported Red Fire Ant control
Native predators (skunks, raccoons)





Supplemental food

Grazing management Food plots Feeders & mineral supplementation





Supplemental water

Wildlife rain collectors
Wells, troughs, windmill overflow
Spring development/enhancement





Supplemental shelter

Nest boxes, bat boxes
Brush piles & slash retention
Pasture management (strip mowing)





Census

Spotlight counts
Harvest data collection
Songbird count





Now you have a plan to follow

- Keep up with and document your activities
- Be ready to report on what you have done at any time
- Use your plan to reach your goals and stay on track
- Use Plateau to answer questions and provide help with activities as needed
- Consider having Plateau maintain your plan with an annual service agreement – get it done and done right
 - Like having your own ranch manager with you all the way
- Have Plateau follow your activities with an annual report
- Keep your plan updated to get the most out of it

Why update my plan?

- Management should be dynamic and adaptive
- If something isn't working or practical anymore change what you are doing
- Opportunity to ensure your activities are sufficient to meet your goals and protect your valuation
- Stay ahead of the CAD sometimes they "expect" you to update your plan when it runs its stated course, even though legally they have to ask you to do that
- Guidelines and recommendations do occasionally change and it helps ensure your plan reflects latest information

When do I update my plan?

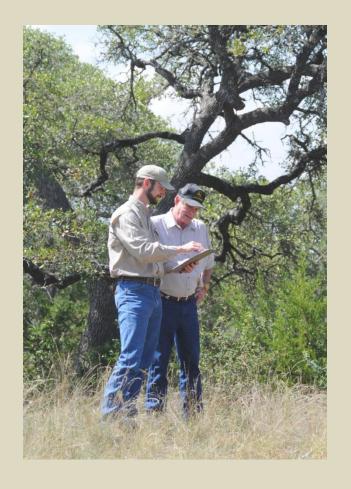
- May depend on your plan Plateau 5 year
- As requested by the appraisal district
- When changes are made to management focus target species, major change to activities
- Change in ownership name or acreage
- Kind of like an estate plan any time something has changed that impacts your goals or direction for your property

Benefits of updating my plan

- Chance to adjust activities what is working and what is not
- Check up on existing activities are you getting what you want out of the plan you have
- Identify new opportunities your property changes when you are in wildlife management and after a period you can do things you may not have thought possible
- What can I do now that I don't have livestock tearing everything up

What are the options I have?

- Update your plan with a simple change of years if nothing has changed – less advisable, but it works
- Update your plan with a biologist phone consultation to get more out of the update
- Update your plan with a biologist site visit to note changes to habitat and update activities based on current conditions



Have Plateau update and re-file your plan

- Peace of mind and professional results
 - Simple update: \$395
 - Full update with biologist phone consultation: \$695 (\$625)
 - Full update with biologist site visit: \$995 (\$895)
 - Plateau Annual Report: \$495
 - Plateau Annual Service Agreements: price is variable
 - Plateau summer re-file and update sale on 2013-2017 plans now through 8/31: 10% off a plan update with either a biologist phone consultation or a biologist site visit

Have Plateau update and re-file your plan

- Not a Plateau landowner we can still help
 - Wildlife management plan review phone consultation: \$450
 - Wildlife management plan review site visit: \$795
 - Plateau wildlife management plan: price variable
 - Ask us about our summer promotions!



Recap

- Get a plan a good one can make all the difference
- Follow that plan and monitor results
- Document what you've done for you and the county
- Keep your plan current like any other plan it only works if you use it
- Have Plateau help you when it's time to update
- Lean on Plateau when you have questions or are unsure
- Get involved and stay involved with Plateau Kameron Bain, your account manager, your biologist and everyone else
- Plateau annual report
- Plateau annual service agreement

Why work with Plateau?

- Professional service
 - Ex: why hire a CPA for your income taxes?
- Land & wildlife is our only business
- Largest wildlife management firm in Texas
- We complete over 200 Wildlife Management Plans per year
- More than 2,700 landowners in 90+ counties
- 650,000 acres converted by Plateau
- We will provide a professional plan that will pass muster and help you reach your goals
- We can help with all aspects of Wildlife Management





- Private company, est. 1997
- Founders helped establish WMV law
- Central Texas Based
- Serving Texas Landowners
- Staff Wildlife Biologists
- Trained, dedicated field technicians
- Registered Property Tax Consultants

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