

FILING COVER SHEET: WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

File with: Polk Central Appraisal District
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Livingston, TX 77351
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Deadline: April 30 of the year you want the valuation

Running late? Write to the Polk CAD before April 30 and ask for an extension. They can give you up to 60 more days for good cause.

What to file (you file this yourself):

- This cover sheet (for your records)
- TPWD Wildlife Management Plan (PWD-885)
- Comptroller Form 50-129 (wildlife management use)
- Map or sketch showing wildlife-management features

What to sign: You sign Form 50-129. You also sign the landowner signature line on the wildlife plan (PWD-885).

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT PLAN SUMMARY

Property Information

Owner	Sample Landowner
Property ID	SAMPLE-000000
County	Polk
Total Acres	40 acres
Ecoregion	Pineywoods
Prior Use	Grazing / Ag

Target Wildlife Species

White-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkey. The landowner may choose other species suitable for Pineywoods habitat (e.g., bobwhite, songbirds).

Required Wildlife-Management Activities (3 of 7)

Predator Control

Hog trapping and removal (feral hogs damage habitat and compete with native wildlife).

What to do: Set and monitor hog traps; remove captured hogs. Record trap locations, dates, and number of hogs removed.

Records to keep: Trap log with dates, locations, and counts. Receipts for traps/bait if purchased.

Supplemental Food

Wildlife feeders or small food plots provide forage during winter or drought.

What to do: Install feeders (corn or protein-based) or maintain a small food plot (clover, rye, soybeans). Refill feeders monthly during the season.

Records to keep: Feeder purchase receipt and placement map. Food purchase receipts. Monthly refill log.

Shelter

Brush piles and nest boxes provide cover and nesting sites.

What to do: Create 3–5 brush piles from cleared vegetation; install 2–4 nest boxes (mounted 5–15 ft high on trees or posts).

Records to keep: Photos of brush piles and boxes. Installation dates. Maintenance log (cleaning, repairs).

Census/Monitoring

Game-camera survey or spotlight counts document wildlife presence.

What to do: Deploy game cameras (2–3 locations) for 30+ days. Alternatively, conduct monthly nighttime spotlight counts (April–September).

Records to keep: Camera photo/video archive with dates. Spotlight count log (date, time, location, species and numbers observed).

Free TPWD Assistance: The Polk County wildlife biologist, Chris Gregory, offers free advice on habitat management and wildlife plans. Call (936) 327-8487.

Intensity standards from TPWD Pineywoods Wildlife Management Guidelines. This plan is a sample for a 40-acre tract.

PROPERTY MAP EXHIBIT (Schematic, Not a Survey)

Sample 40-acre property showing pond, pasture, pine timber, wildlife management features (feeder, brush piles, nest boxes, game-camera locations, hog trap), and access point.

[North Arrow ↑]

40-Acre Schematic Map

Polk County, Texas

Sample Tract (SAMPLE-000000)

Features:

- Pond (2 acres, S side)
- Pine Timber (12 acres, N & W)
- Pasture (18 acres, central)
- Wildlife Feeder (central)
- Brush Piles (4 locations)
- Nest Boxes (2 locations)
- Game Camera (2 locations)
- Hog Trap (SW corner)
- Gate / Access (E side)

Not a survey. Schematic for illustration only.

COMPTROLLER FORM 50-129 (FILLED SAMPLE)

Below is a sample of Form 50-129 filled in for this wildlife-management property. You must fill in and sign the actual form yourself before filing with your county appraisal district.

The official Form 50-129 is included in the actual document package. Here is an example of how key fields would be filled:

Field	Sample Value
Owner Name	Sample Landowner
Mailing Address	(Your address)
Property ID	SAMPLE-000000
County	Polk
Total Acres	40
Use Code	Wildlife Management (07)
5 of 7 Years	Yes (grazing in prior years)
Signature	(Sign and date the form)



1-D-1 Open Space Agricultural Valuation Wildlife Management Plan for the Year(s) _____

Submit this plan to your County Chief Appraiser, not to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Part I. Owner Information

Account Number: _____

Owner's Name: _____
Current mailing address: _____
City, town, post office, state and zip code: _____
Phone number: _____
Tract Name: _____ Majority County: _____
Additional Counties (if any): _____

Part II. Property Description

Legal Description of Property: _____

Location of Property (distance and direction from nearest town; specify highway/road numbers):

Is Acreage under high fence: ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Partial: (Describe) _____

Total Acreage: _____ Ecoregion _____
(refer to Comprehensive Wildlife Management Planning Guidelines)

Habitat Types and Amounts of Acres:

☐ Cropland	☐ Bottomland/Riparian	☐ wetlands
☐ Non-native Pasture	☐ Pasture/Grassland	☐ timberlands
☐ Native Range/Brush	☐ Other (describe)	

III. Species targeted for management. (List all that apply. Attach additional page(s) if needed)

☐ Deer ☐ turkey ☐ quail ☐ songbirds ☐ waterfowl ☐ doves ☐ bats
☐ Neotropical songbirds (List) _____
☐ Reptiles (list) _____ ☐ Amphibians (list) _____
☐ Small mammals (list) _____ ☐ Insects (list) _____
☐ Identified species of concern (List) _____
☐ Other (List) _____

Part IV. Management Plan Goals and Objectives

Describe the wildlife management **goals** (what you want the property to look like, or want to be able to do with it) and **objectives** (how you intend to achieve these goals) for this piece of property. You may use an additional page if needed. (Note: This space will expand as you type.)

Part V. Qualifying Wildlife Management Activities

Check the wildlife management practices to be implemented on the property during the coming year that will support and achieve your management goals. A minimum of three practices is required.

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| ☐ Habitat control | ☐ Provide supplemental supplies of water |
| ☐ Erosion control | ☐ Provide supplemental supplies of food |
| ☐ Predator control | ☐ Provide shelters |
| ☐ Making census counts to determine population. | |

Part VI. White tail Deer and Mule Deer Population Management

Is hunting to be a part of this wildlife management plan? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If YES, type of hunting: ☐ Lease hunting ☐ Family/guests only ☐ Both

List deer harvest for past three seasons:

Year: _____	Bucks: _____	Does: _____
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Year: _____	Bucks: _____	Does: _____

Population Management Goals:

Target Density for Pre-season Deer Population (fall density) _____

Target Sex Ratio (does/buck): _____

Target Production (fawns/doe): _____

Other (may be age, weight, antler measurements, browse conditions, etc.) _____

Deer Harvest Strategy (numbers, types of deer to be harvested to achieve goals): _____

Part VII. Wildlife Management Association Membership

Are you a member of a wildlife management association (co-op)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a member of a wildlife property association? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of wildlife property co-op/association, if YES is checked. _____